



On August 22, 2012, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) implemented the requirements of the U.S. Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (Dodd-Frank Act) and issued regulations in Title 15 (Sec. 1502) on the reporting and disclosure of the use of so-called conflict minerals.

Conflict minerals, as defined by the Dodd-Frank Act, include the commodities cassiterite (tin), wolframite (tungsten), coltan (tantalum), gold, and their derivatives, which originate in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DCR) or any of the adjoining countries of Angola, Burundi, the Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Zambia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and the Central African Republic and are associated with the financing of the armed conflicts there.

Under these rules, companies subject to SEC disclosure requirements are required to report to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission whether conflict minerals are present in their products or means of production. As this may affect not only the US-American but also the European and therefore also the German supply chain in the global trade of goods, these regulations also apply to ATX Hardware GmbH West and also to our suppliers of these conflict minerals.

The aim of these regulations is to curb the trade of these conflict minerals and thus to contribute to the protection of the people living there and their environment. ATX Hardware GmbH West and its affiliated companies will continue to actively support this project, which is important for the peaceful and sustainable use of the world's resources, within the scope of our possibilities. By carefully screening our upstream suppliers, we want to ensure that our products do not contain conflict minerals as defined by the Dodd-Frank Act.

ATX Hardware GmbH West thus declares to its customers that, to the best of our current knowledge, no conflict minerals as defined by the Dodd-Frank Act are contained in the test equipment supplied by us and our affiliated companies.

ATX Hardware GmbH West itself and also its affiliated companies are not to the subject to the SEC disclosure requirements.

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