Conflict Minerals Data Exchange Standard

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Conflict Minerals Data Exchange Standard

1 SCOPE
This standard establishes the requirements for exchanging conflict minerals data between suppliers and their customers. To meet the needs of a broad range of users, this standard provides flexibility in the scope of the products covered within a single declaration.

This standard applies to business-to-business transactions. It is not intended to be used by the general public when making purchasing decisions. This standard is not a compliance guide.

1.1 Purpose This standard is intended to benefit suppliers and their customers by providing consistency and efficiency to the conflict minerals due diligence data exchange declaration process. It establishes standard electronic data exchange formats that will facilitate and improve data transfer along the entire global supply chain.

2 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS
The following documents can be used as references to the extent specified herein. The revision of the document in effect at the time of solicitation shall take precedence.

2.1 IPC
IPC-T-50 Terms and Definitions for Interconnecting and Packaging Electronic Circuits

2.2 International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
ISO 3166-1 Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions – Part 1: Country codes
ISO 3166-2 Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions – Part 2: Country Subdivision codes

2.3 Informative References
The following references are related to the standard but are not required for usage of the standard.

2.3.1 Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Section 1502)2
Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act requires that all companies that file reports with the SEC disclose their use of conflict minerals.

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is the agency responsible for developing and enforcing conflict minerals reporting rules under Section 15023. The SEC rules implementing Section 1502 are found in 17 CFR part 240 and 249b.

Note: Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act will be referred to in this standard as Section 1502. The SEC rules implementing Section 1502 will be referred to in this standard as the SEC rules.

2.3.2 Conflict Free Smelter Program (CFSP) Compliant Smelter List
The Conflict Free Smelter Program (CFSP) Compliant Smelter List is a published list of smelters and refiners which have undergone assessment through the CFSP, a program of the Conflict-Free Sourcing Initiative (CFSI) or industry equivalent program (such as Responsible Jewelry Council or London Bullion Market Association) and have been validated to be in conformance. If a smelter or refiner is not on the list, it has either not completed a CFSP assessment or is not in compliance with the CFSP protocol.

A list of smelters and refiners which have been validated to be compliant to the CFSP can be found at www.conflictfreesourcing.org

1. http://www.ipc.org