



## QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The vendor **shall** submit with each shipment a Certificate of Conformance (C of C) signed by an authorized Quality representative indicating the product provided is **DRC** (Democratic Republic of Congo) **Conflict Free**.

Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”) defines DRC conflict free as products that do not contain minerals that “directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups” in DRC countries. This act contains provisions to improve transparency and accountability concerning the supply of certain minerals, known as “Conflict Minerals”, deemed to be financing conflict in the DRC and adjoining countries.

Section 1502 defines “**conflict minerals**” as **tin** (*produced from the metal ore cassiterite*), **tantalum** (*extracted from columbite-tantalite, a.k.a. coltan*), **tungsten** (*produced from the metal ore wolframite*), and **gold**, and any other minerals/derivatives that may be determined by the Secretary of State to be financing conflict in a DRC country.

A C of C **shall** be provided with the Request for Quotation response when the product meets **Condition 1\***.

A C of C will not be required when the product meets **Condition 2\*\***.

Notify the Purchasing Agent of which condition the product meets.

Any **Condition 1** material received without a C of C will be rejected.

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**NOTE:** Section 1502 applies both to issuers that directly manufacture products and to issuers that contract for the manufacturing of their products using these minerals.

**\*Condition 1** - An issuer may be considered "contracting to manufacture" a product if:

- a. It has any influence regarding the manufacturing of those products.
- b. It sells generic products under its own brand name, or a separate brand name, regardless of whether it has any influence over the manufacturing specifications of those products, as long as it has contracted with another party to have the product manufactured specifically for itself.

**\*\*Condition 2** - It does not apply to a retail industry issuer that sells only the product of third parties if the retailer has no contract or involvement regarding the manufacturing of those products and the products were not manufactured specifically for the retailer.