

Conflict Minerals Statement

Avantes Statement on the Use of "Conflict Minerals" in Products with Reference to Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) and EU Regulation 2017/821

Avantes takes its social responsibility regarding the environment, safety, health and human rights seriously and understands that its business activities have an impact on society and the environment. Avantes is therefore committed to supporting the objectives of the Dodd-Frank Act and EU Regulation 2017/821 to restrict trade in minerals from conflict or high-risk areas to the best of its ability.

The Dodd-Frank Act specifically refers to the minerals tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold and their derivatives, which are mined in conflict areas, such as the Democratic Republic of Congo and adjoining conflict areas. According to EU Regulation 2017/821, this includes areas in armed conflict or in a weakened post-conflict situation, as well as areas with weak or absent governance and security structures.

Although Avantes is not an obligated party under the above-mentioned regulations and does not source these minerals directly, we are aware that conflict minerals may be present in the supply chain. With this awareness, Avantes is committed to responsible sourcing of these minerals. Avantes does its absolute best to assure that suppliers are selected selectively according to these criteria. We expect our business partners to make comparable efforts to comply with the relevant regulations and requirements. To the best of our current knowledge, Avantes products do not directly or indirectly contain conflict minerals. The information on the origin of conflict minerals is based on information provided by Avantes suppliers.

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