Semtech: Conflict Minerals Reporting Policy

Semtech Corporation is very aware of and sympathetic to the plight surrounding the areas commonly referred to as “conflict areas” as identified by the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA), formally Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition (EICC), the Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI), and the Dodd-Frank Act.

Semtech Corporation sustains a multi-tier supply chain structure which houses over 100 suppliers with which Semtech must survey for RCOI (Reasonable Country of Origin) for their sourcing of 3TG using the CMRT (Conflict Minerals Reporting Template). As we survey each supplier, they are also required to survey their supply chain, complete the CMRT and submit that survey back to Semtech. The survey process requires each tier supplier to survey their supply chain all the way down to the smelter level. That smelter must be referenced on the RBA Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI), formally CFSI, smelter listing as valid and compliant.

Semtech Corporation does not source 3TG directly from smelters and we are removed from them by multiple tiers. Semtech acknowledges the need to ensure that the 3TG metals used on our product are smelted at Responsible Mineral Assurance Process (RMAP), formally CFSP, registered sources according to the RBA. This process should be repeated every time RBA updates the RMI listing.

This process of re-surveying our suppliers requires a fair amount of time and resources which Semtech Corporation is limited. As the CMRT is updated or revised, Semtech Corporation reviews the update and makes a conscious decision to resurvey our supply chain based on the extent of the update implemented by the RBA. If the update is minimal in nature such as an update to the RMI or RMAP definition or instructions, Semtech Corporation will suspend the survey process.

Semtech Corporation will re-survey our supply chain twice a year, February and August, using the most up to date CMRT on line with the RBA. Additionally, every new supplier added to our supply chain will be surveyed using the most current CMRT available.

Semtech will actively pursue supplier CMRT declaration(s) on within 15 days of issuing a CMRT request or Supplier Action Request to our suppliers.

CMRT UPDATE
The latest update to the CMRT 6.01 was created seven days subsequent to CMRT 6.0, and both versions provide address and revision to the following items:
CMRT 6.0 addressed corrections to all bugs and errors, enhancements which do not conflict with IPC-1755 and revisions to questions [e.g. (Q 4 (newly added), Q H (formerly QI), removal of question C: update to ISO short names and countries, states/provinces] and
updates to the smelter reference list, with only the addition of smelters to the smelter reference list.
CMRT 6.01 addresses minor revisions, correcting reported issues (e.g. those related to “Products List” tab)

As a result of these changes, due to the release of CMRT 6.01 in such a short amount of time from the release of CRMT 6.0, Semtech Corporation will not be pursuing CMRT 6.0, and will not resurvey our suppliers for CMRT 6.01 until August 3, 2020. We anticipate new supplier declarations by September 28, 2020. Our current CMRT declaration for v 5.12 is still valid and available.

Semtech asks that if you have any questions or concerns, please send them to conflictfree@semtech.com and one of our CMR Team members will respond within 48 business hours.

Semtech Corporation appreciates your support and patience, as we continue to strive for complete validation and compliance with industry standards in procuring metals from non-conflict areas. Semtech Corporation looks forward to a continued and successful business relationship.

Sincerely,

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