

ECIA Position Paper on use of the EICC GeSI Template for Reporting Conflict Minerals Information

The enactment of U.S. Congress HR 4173, Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, specifically section 1502-Conflict Minerals, addresses serious concerns within the supply chain for raw materials.

Electronics Components Industry Assoc. (ECIA) has worked diligently with supply chain members, including distributors and component manufacturers, and will continue monitoring other industry groups such as NEMI, IPC, and JEDEC, to develop standards to support the needs of the entire supply chain.

The only industry wide standard reporting template available today is the EICC GeSI template. ECIA suggests that component manufacturers could use this template to post conflict minerals information on their internet sites to support supply chain members and end users.

This template will provide consistency in information content and efficiencies in data management that will contribute to quality data and process savings for the entire supply chain.

ECIA recommends that supply chain members refrain from developing and requesting unique reporting formats that will only strain supply chain resources with increased time, efforts and costs.

ECIA member distributors will provide customers with links to manufacturer websites to obtain Conflict Minerals information directly or will pass through EICC GeSI template information as provided by electronic component manufacturers.

Download the EICC GeSI template here (http://www.conflictfreesmelter.org/index.htm)

ECIA will continue to post component manufacturer links online at http://www.ecianow.org/standards-practices/related-ecia-industry-practices-documents-white-papers/.