iPoint Conflict Minerals Platform

Conflict Minerals Compliance Made Easy
The iPoint Conflict Minerals Platform (iPCMP) was launched in September 2012.

The web-based on-demand software solution supports manufacturing companies in collecting, managing, aggregating, and reporting Conflict Minerals information across their entire supply chain, thus meeting the requirements of their customers and the regulatory authorities.

With the focus on the socially responsible sourcing of raw materials and the objective of bringing peace and well-being to conflict-affected regions, the Conflict Minerals legislation makes an important contribution to supporting Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and more transparent supply chains.

iPCMP offers a solution for the entire supply chain and allows companies to meet legal challenges while also demonstrating their CSR: Building on the leading reporting standards of the EICC and GeSI (Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition, Global e-Sustainability Initiative), the iPCMP optimizes and simplifies reporting processes.

By enabling companies to collect and aggregate all relevant information from all their suppliers, they can document their Conflict Minerals status seamlessly.
USA
The legal basis is created by Section 1502 of the US Dodd-Frank Act (2010) and the related Final Rule of the US Securities and Exchange Commission SEC (2012). According to this, publicly listed US companies need to disclose annually the origin of certain raw materials (gold, tin, tungsten and tantalum) in their products. The first reporting year began on January 1, 2013, with the first reports due on June 2, 2014, for the 2013 calendar year.

The aim of the legislation is to put an end to violent conflicts and human rights violations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and adjoining countries, which are directly or indirectly financed through the mining and trading of certain raw materials (Conflict Minerals).

Since the US companies directly affected by this law are passing their reporting obligations through their global supplychains, the law has a significant international impact.

According to the SEC, 280,000 companies worldwide are affected.

EU
The European Union is currently preparing its own Conflict Minerals legislation and released a draft proposal on March 5, 2014. The minerals covered by this regulation do not deviate from the four minerals and their ores included in the US legislation. However, the geographical scope is wider than that of the US legislation and is not limited solely to Central Africa instead covering “conflict-affected and high-risk areas” in general. As part of the impact assessment process, the Directorate-General for Trade of the European Commission charged iPoint-systems with analyzing the impacts of a possible European Conflict Minerals initiative.

iPoint's study was published with the release of the EU's draft proposal on March 5, 2014.
The iPCMP was developed in close cooperation with the Automotive Industry Action Group AIAG and a working group with representatives of member companies of this industry association – including OEMs such as Bosch, Ford and the Chrysler Group.

However, the iPCMP is a cross-industry solution, used by customers from various industry sectors.

As well as the automotive industry, customers from the electronics, aerospace, mechanical engineering, shipbuilding, textile and clothing industries are represented, including smaller companies with less than 50 employees as well as S&P 500 companies with several thousand employees.

iPoint offers suitable licenses depending on a company's size and reporting requirements, with the Basic License for smaller companies available free-of-charge. The iPCMP has become the standard cross-industry solution for Conflict Minerals reporting.

With over 16,000 registered companies, iPoint-systems has secured its position as the market leader for software in the field of Conflict Minerals reporting.
Features & functionalities

iPCMP – The market-leading, most comprehensive and cost-effective solution for global Conflict Minerals compliance:

- Track and report on Conflict Minerals information.
- Manage country-of-origin inquiries.
- Be prepared for upcoming standards and templates (e.g., the new IPC-1755 standard and Conflict Minerals template EICC-GeSI 3.0)
- Choose between different license models with varying features and functionalities tailored to meet your company’s specific needs
- Customize and manage your due diligence process with the Enterprise License
- Say goodbye to laborious manual Excel-based data management
- Save time through Web 2.0 ease of use and automatized data collection, management, aggregation, and reporting processes

Why iPoint?

iPoint is the leading provider of software and consulting for environmental product compliance and sustainability. Thousands of companies around the globe rely on our award-winning, innovative solutions when it comes to managing, tracking, and reporting data across the whole supply chain, from product concept to recycling and reuse.

Our software and services enable you to comply with international and national standards, laws, and regulations (e.g., IMDS, RoHS, REACH, RRR, Conflict Minerals) as well as meet your further sustainability goals (e.g., CSR, closed-loop supply chains, resource conservation, cradle to cradle®, upcycling).