



## Statement Conflict minerals, Cobalt and Mica \*

Dear Client,

ARGIP is not subject to SEC reporting, but is committed to supporting the goals and objectives of Sanctions 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act, signed in July 2010 and finalized in August 2012.

The Act aims to prevent the use of minerals from conflict-affected regions that directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or neighboring countries as defined in the law (conflict region). The listed minerals include tantalum, gold, tungsten and tin ("3TG"). The Act requires companies to exercise due diligence in sourcing these minerals and to submit annual reports on the use of conflict minerals.

It has come to our attention that also Cobalt and Mica pose a challenge. Even though there are no legal regulations yet, we include these minerals in our efforts on responsible sourcing.

We aim to avoid that any of these minerals used in our products are sourced in a way that finances conflicts anywhere in the world.

We do not source any of these minerals directly. Therefor our efforts are concentrated on ensuring that our suppliers are committed as we are.

ARGIP has asked all suppliers to report the use of conflict minerals. The information it obtained to manufacture the fasteners it trades does not use metals from conflict regions.

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### **Statement on California Proposition 65**

The California Proposition 65, formerly known as the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, was enacted as a ballot initiative in November 1986.

The proposition helps protect the state's drinking water sources from being contaminated with approximately 1000 chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm (Proposition 65 Substances – Prop 65) and requires businesses to inform Californians about exposures to Prop 65.

ARGIP does not manufacture or market consumer products. Consumer products are defined as products for the personal use, consumption, or enjoyment of a consumer. Hence our products are out of the scope of this regulation.

ARGIP reserves the right to update and modify this communication, as it believes necessary or appropriate.

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# Statement of ARGIP on Recent EU (European Union) Initiatives on Restricting PFAS (Polyfluoroalkyl Substances)

ARGIP recognizes the ongoing initiatives regarding restrictions on the use of PFAS due to their negative impact on the environment. There is currently an initiative by a group of countries in the EU REACH framework preparing a restriction intention for the PFAS group of substances.

We are in the process of assessing and classifying components used in the production of the affected products. Since the goods we purchase may contain such substances, which is not obvious, we must carefully check our supply chain before making clear statements.

As many of our purchased goods, like electronic components, may contain such substances without it being obvious, we must scrutinize our supply chain before making clear statements.

For some components we do see potential alternative materials while for others there are currently no alternatives in sight. The broad use of the fluor-carbon based substances is based upon their unique (physico-) chemical stability. Alternative substances with similar (physico-) chemical characteristics are currently unknown, rare, or suspected to have similar biological and ecological risks. Therefor removing the PFAS may be one of the biggest challenges in our industries for decades. With our wide range of products, the process of identifying potential alternatives is a huge and ongoing undertaking we just started recently.

ARGIP is aware of environmental threats, supports sustainable development and strives to reduce critical substances.

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#### REACH regulation (EC) 1907/2006\*

Dear Client,

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council (REACH) regulates the use of chemicals, through their registration and evaluation and, in some cases, authorization and marketing restrictions, in order to ensure a high level of health and environmental protection, including the promotion of alternative methods for assessing the hazards of chemicals.

ARGIP Sp. z o.o. is an importer of end products that are not subject to further processing, therefore the pre-registration does not apply to our company.

To the best of our knowledge, none of our raw material suppliers use any REACH SVHC (the list is checked on an ongoing basis and each update is verified in relation to the goods offered by our company) for the production of their products in a concentration exceeding 0.1% by weight of the product, therefore all products supplied by ARGIP to their customers comply with the Regulation of the European Parliament and Council (EC) No. 1907/2006 regarding the restriction of hazardous substances (REACH).

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### RoHS II Directive 2011/65 / EU and RoHS III 2015/863 / EU \*

Dear Customers,

The ARGIP company declares that the fasteners we supply meet the requirements of: Directive 2011/65 / EU (RoHS) in terms of limiting the use of certain hazardous substances and Delegated Directive (EU) 2015/863 of July 22, 2021, which means, that it does not contain the substances listed below in concentrations exceeding the permissible maximum values.

- Lead (0.1%)
- Mercury (0.1%)
- Cadmium (0.01%)
- Hexavalent chromium (0.1%)
- Polybrominated bifenyles (PBB) (0.1%)
- Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) (0.1%)
- Di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP) (0.1%)
- Benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) (0.1%)
- Dibutyl phthalate (DBP) (0.1%)
- Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) (0.1%)

To the best of our knowledge, none of our suppliers use these substances in the production of their products (with the exception of manufacturers of stainless steel components, aluminum alloys and copper alloys - technological requirements) and therefore all products supplied by ARGIP comply with Directive 2011/65 / EU (RoHS II) and 2015/863 / UE (RoHS III).

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#### **TSCA Compliance Declaration \***

Dear Customers,

On January 6, 2021, the U.S. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) published final rules under Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 6(h) to restrict the use and importation of the following five chemicals designated as PBT (persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic) ("Regulated Substances"), including products containing more than specified concentrations of the Regulated Substances:

- 2,4,6-tris(tertbutyl) phenol (2,4,6-TTBP) (CAS 732-26-3)
- Decabromodiphenyl ether (Deca-BDE) (CAS 1163-19-5)
- Phenol, isopropylated phosphate (3:1) (PIP (3:1)) (CAS 68937-41-7)
- Pentachlorothiophenol (PCTP) (CAS 133-49-3)
- Hexachlorobutadiene (HCBD) (CAS 87-68-3)
- Asbestos

This is in response to your inquiry whether the ARGIP products specified by you contain Regulated Substances.

We confirm that our products do not intentionally contain the Regulated Substances as raw materials, nor are these substances added to our products during processing and production. Also, based on information from our suppliers and to the best of our knowledge, the raw material inputs do not contain the Regulated Substances.

This information is based on ARGIP's best available knowledge; we do not test for the presence of trace amounts of the Regulated Substances that may be introduced into our products as contaminants. These statements are for your information only, and do not constitute a warranty or product specification.

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