

Guideline of the Diamant-Gesellschaft Tesch GmbH for a Responsible Procurement of Raw Materials

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The suppliers of Tesch support activities that ensure a responsible procurement of raw materials. The procurement and use of raw materials that have been obtained illegally or through ethically reprehensible or unreasonable measures must absolutely be avoided. The use of raw materials such as conflict minerals, which are affected by embargoes or other import restrictions, must be excluded. The suppliers are therefore obliged to identify these raw materials in the supplied products along the supply chain and, upon request, to disclose the origin of the raw materials they use.

Avoidance of dangerous substances

Substances whose release poses a risk to people and the environment must be identified and handled in such a way that safety is guaranteed when handling these substances, transporting, storing, using, recycling or reusing them and during their disposal. Tesch's suppliers practice a responsible chemical management based on the minimum principle.

Environmentally sound products

When developing products and services, Tesch's suppliers ensure that energy and natural resources are used economically in the process of application. Wherever possible, products should be suitable for reuse, recycling or safe disposal.

The products delivered to Tesch do not contain any substances of concern that are covered by the REACH regulation. If necessary, affected ingredients must be reported to Tesch before delivery. Materials or purchased parts that do not meet the RoHS specifications are to be substituted by the supplier in consultation with Tesch. If required, the supplier must issue an EU declaration of conformity regarding compliance with the RoHS directive.

Sub-suppliers

Tesch's suppliers are obliged to ensure that the regulations contained in this guideline are observed by means of suitable contractual arrangements with third parties who are used to perform the contractual relationship with Tesch. Tesch's suppliers take this policy into account when selecting third parties and endeavor to commit them to compliance, and to control this on a regular basis.

Support of social enterprises

Whenever possible, Tesch obtains products and services from protected workshops, from social projects or development projects.

Support of Green Pioneer Brands

Special support is given to Tesch's vendors who do pioneer work to raise standards of environmental protection.

Management systems

Tesch operates in the Federal Republic of Germany and expects its suppliers to guarantee occupational safety and health protection for employees at least at the level required by law in Germany, even at locations that are not subject to German or European law.

Tesch expects its suppliers to maintain management systems to ensure compliance with the principles outlined in this Policy.

Tesch prefers suppliers who actively implement a quality management system according to DIN EN ISO 9001 and an environmental management system according to ISO 14001.

Compliance with the procurement guideline

A breach of this procurement guideline represents a deterioration of the business relationship between Tesch and the supplier. Notwithstanding further rights, Tesch reserves the right in this case to demand clarification of the facts from its supplier and the initiation of countermeasures. If it can be proven that the supplier has not taken any appropriate improvement measures within a reasonable period of time or if the breach is so serious that continuing the business relationship is unreasonable for Tesch, Tesch reserves the right, notwithstanding further rights, to terminate the corresponding contractual relationship without notice or to withdraw from the corresponding contract.