



A. O. Smith Corporation Statement on Conflict Minerals

A. O. Smith Corporation is committed to supporting responsible sourcing of its materials from suppliers that share our values, including our commitment toward human rights and environmental responsibility. In this regard, we are committed to complying with Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and the related rules and regulations issued by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“Conflict Minerals Rules”). The Conflict Minerals Rules require all public companies to perform supply chain due diligence to identify the extent to which their products contain Conflict Minerals originating from the Democratic Republic of Congo and certain adjoining countries (“Covered Countries”). The goal of the Conflict Minerals Rules is to cut direct and indirect funding of any mines in the Covered Countries that are controlled by armed militias responsible for humanitarian abuses. The minerals covered by the Rules are tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold (“Conflict Minerals”).

We support the humanitarian goal of ending violent conflict in the Covered Countries. As part of our efforts, we expect all suppliers of components for our products to annually assess their entire supply chain and provide us with detailed information about their use and source of Conflict Minerals. We are committed to responsible sourcing of Conflict Minerals throughout our supply chain and to continuing to comply with the underlying SEC rules and regulations surrounding Conflict Minerals.