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| Necessary for the Production of a Product | The SEC does not provide a formal definition of this phrase in the final rule*, however, it provides some guidance: A conflict mineral will be considered to be necessary to the production of a product when: 1) it is intentionally included in the product's production process, other than if it is included in a tool, machine, or equipment used to produce the product (such as computers or power lines); 2) it is included in the product (MUST be contained in the product to be applicable); and 3) it is necessary to the product. *(56296 Federal Register / Vol. 77, No. 177 / Wednesday, September 12, 2012 / Rules and Regulations) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NPFD Product | Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development A company's Product or Finished good is a material or item which has completed the final stage of manufacturing and/or processing and is available for distribution or sale to customers. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RBA Recycled or Scrap Sources | Responsible Business Alliance (www.responsiblebusiness.org) Recycled or scrap sources are recycled metals, that are reclaimed end-user or post-consumer products, or scrap processed metals created during product manufacturing. Recycled metal includes excess, obsolete, defective, and scrap metal materials that contain refined or processed metals that are appropriate to recycle in the production of tin, tantalum, tungsten and/or gold. Minerals partially processed, unprocessed or byproducts from other ores are not included in the definition of recycled metal. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (RMAP) | The Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (RMAP) is a process developed by the RBA to enhance company capability to verify the responsible sourcing of metals. Further details of the RMAP can be found here: http://www.responsiblemineralsinitiative.org/responsible-minerals-assurance-process/ . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Responsible Minerals Initiative | Founded in 2008 by members of the Responsible Business Alliance, the Responsible Minerals Initiative has grown into one of the most utilized and respected resources for companies addressing conflict minerals issues in their supply chains. Over 360 companies from ten different industries participate in the RMI today, contributing to a range of tools and resources including the Responsible Minerals Assurance Process, the Conflict Minerals Reporting Template, Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry data and a range of guidance documents on conflict minerals sourcing. The RMI also runs regular workshops on conflict minerals issues and contributes to policy development and debates with leading civil society organizations and governments. Additional information is available at http://www.responsiblemineralsinitiative.org . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RMAP Conformant Smelter List | The Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (RMAP) Conformant Smelter List is a published list of smelters and refiners that have undergone assessment through the RMAP, a program of the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI) or industry equivalent program (such as Responsible Jewellery Council or London Bullion Market Association) and have been validated to be in conformance with the standards. If a smelter or refiner is not on the list, it has either not completed a RMAP assessment or is not in conformance with the RMAP standard. A list of smelters and refiners which have been validated to be conformant to the RMAP can be found at https://www.responsiblemineralsinitiative.org/facilities-lists/active-conformant-facilities-list/ . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SEC | U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (www.sec.gov) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Smelter | A smelter or refiner is a company that procures and processes mineral ore, slag and/or materials from recycled or scrap sources into refined metal or metal containing intermediate products. The output can be pure (99.5% or greater) metals, powders, ingots, bars, grains, oxides or salts. The terms "smelter" and "refiner" are used interchangeably throughout various publications. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Smelter Identification Number | A unique identification number the RMI assigns to companies that have been reported by members of the supply chain as smelters or refiners, whether or not they have been verified to meet the characteristics of smelters or refiners as defined in the RMAP assessment standards. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tantalum (Ta) smelter | A tantalum smelter (also known as a processor) is defined as a company that converts Ta-containing ores, concentrates, slags or secondary materials into tantalum intermediate products or other tantalum containing products for direct sales or further processing into Ta-containing products, such as Ta powders, Ta components, Ta oxides, alloys, wires, sintered bars, etc. Refer to the RMAP assessment standard for this metal for a complete description at: https://www.responsiblemineralsinitiative.org/minerals-due-diligence/standards/ . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tin (Sn) smelter | Primary (tin) smelters are companies with one or more facilities treating tin containing ore concentrates in order to produce tin metal. Secondary (tin) smelters are companies with one or more facilities that treat secondary materials by reduction for the production of crude or higher grade tin or tin product such as solder. A smelter as referred to within this audit protocol may operate as either one or both types of business operation. Refer to the RMAP assessment standard for this metal for a complete description at: https://www.responsiblemineralsinitiative.org/minerals-due-diligence/standards/ . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tungsten (W) smelter | A company with one or more facilities that converts W-containing ores (such as wolframite and scheelite), W concentrates, or W-bearing scrap (secondary material) into tungsten containing intermediates such as Ammonium Para-Tungstate (APT), Ammonium Meta-Tungstate (AMT), ferrotungsten, and tungsten oxides for direct sales or further processed into W-containing products (such as W powder or W-carbide powder). Refer to the RMAP assessment standard for this metal for a complete description at: https://www.responsiblemineralsinitiative.org/minerals-due-diligence/standards/ . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |