

Audio-Technica Group's Policy on Conflict Minerals

Conflict minerals refer to mineral resources originating from conflict zones, and other high-risk regions of that having political instabilities, collapsed social infrastructures, and acts of violence wide-spreading. These mining and trading become the source of funds for armed groups' weapons procurement and activities for causing serious violence, abuse, looting, human trafficking, child labor, and other inhumane actions and environmental destruction, and becomes a big problem worldwide. To cut off the funds for these armed groups, in the United States, the Financial Regulatory Reform Act was enacted in 2010. It also mandates US-listed companies to disclose the usage status of the following 4 types of minerals mined from in these regions: tin (Sn), tantalum (Ta), tungsten (W), and gold (Au).

Audio-Technica group understands that the "conflict minerals issue" is a part of our corporate social responsibilities. And in cooperation with our business partners, advocates on "Shall be prevented for using conflict minerals of not properly traded", set this as our policy, and going to start the investigation of the usage status of the "conflict minerals". If it becomes clear that conflict minerals from these regions are used in the components or raw materials of our products, we will deal with them appropriately.