Environmental and Material Compliance Regulations

INTEGRA Biosciences is committed to provide reliable, high quality products which are safe and environmental friendly – Compliance with relevant environmental legislation worldwide is an important part of INTEGRA Biosciences mission. INTEGRA Biosciences goal is to minimize the environmental footprint of its products during the entire product life cycle.

Material compliance covers both environmental and human rights aspects during the entire life cycle of products starting with mining and ending with waste disposal or recycling.

This document explains how INTEGRA Biosciences complies with the following laws and regulations:

- The European Union (EU) Directive on “Restriction of use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment”, 2011/65/EU RoHS2 Directive, see 1
- The Management Methods for Restricted Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Products (China RoHS), Order no 39, see 1
- The European Union (EU) Regulation EC 1907/2006 on Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH Regulation), see 2
- The U.S. Act – Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, see 5
- The European Union (EU) Regulation 2017/821 laying down supply chain due diligence obligations for Union importers of tin, tantalum and tungsten, their ores, and gold originating from conflict-affected and high-risk areas (EU conflict minerals regulation), see 5

INTEGRA Biosciences monitors changes and applicability of the above regulations to ensure continued compliance and will update this document as required accordingly.

1 RoHS

RoHS stands for “Restriction of Hazardous Substances”. Regulations with this title are known in several countries worldwide. The first regulation of this kind was introduced by the European Union in 2002, the current directive is 2011/65/EC with amendments being made on a frequent basis (e.g. 4 in 2016, 13 in 2017 and 7 in 2018). Other similar regulations are known in e.g. China (Order No 39), Turkey and the UAE.

The original RoHS regulation aimed to restrict six hazardous materials found in electrical and electronic products by setting maximum allowed levels for the following substances: lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB), polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE). Although allowed limits for the six base substances are the same, the regulations differ in declaration and marking requirements, exemptions and the amount of additional substances.

INTEGRA Biosciences compliance with RoHS regulations is found on the conformity declarations of the corresponding products. Conformity declarations are all available online in the Download Center (https://www.integra-biosciences.com/en/downloads, select Certificates from the drop down list).

INTEGRA Biosciences continuously monitors the application scope of the current RoHS regulations together with its suppliers to ensure continued compliance and to update the corresponding statements accordingly.
2 REACH

The REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals) Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 aims, among others, to enhance the level of protection of the human health and the environment from the use of chemicals. European Chemical Agency (ECHA) continuously reviews substances that may have serious effects on the human health or the environment. Substances fulfilling one or more of the criteria defined in Article 57 of the REACH Regulation are identified as Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) and put in the “Candidate List for Authorization”. The list is regularly updated and published on the ECHA website (http://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table). The identification of a substance as Substance of Very High Concern and its inclusion in the Candidate List is the first step of the authorization procedure. One of the targets of the REACH regulation is to encourage industry to find new alternatives and substitute these substances for safer ones.

A part of REACH regulation applies to laboratory equipment and materials, which fall under the scope of “articles” and the corresponding requirements for substances in articles under the REACH Regulation. Authorization and restriction requirements do not only affect companies using substances for the production of articles but also downstream users in general. Each producer, supplier and importer of articles has to control and notify the presence of substances as defined in Article 57 of the REACH Regulation. Article 33 aims to ensure that sufficient information is communicated down the supply chain to allow safe use of the articles. In case a substance is in the Candidate List and is present in an article with a concentration higher than 0.1% by weight, it is the duty of each supplier in the supply chain of the article to provide sufficient information, at least the name of the substance, to downstream users.

Various non EU countries already have adopted or are currently in the process of adopting the REACH regulation in their national laws.

INTEGRA Biosciences, together with its suppliers, continuously reviews the application scope of the REACH regulation to ensure compliance, to provide supply chain information and to evaluate alternative substances whenever possible or required. INTEGRA Biosciences will continuously update Declarations of Conformity (https://www.integra-biosciences.com/en/downloads) for the products. Cases currently under evaluation for REACH compliance (pdf) can also be found in the Download Center.

3 WEEE

The first edition of the WEEE directive 2002/96/EC was seen as failing to achieve some of its goals and was thus amended in 2011 to the current 2012/19/EU edition. The main goal of the directive is to achieve a collection rate of 20 kg of Electric and Electronic Equipment (EE) per year per capita. The regulation covers not only EE but also associated batteries and packaging material.

The WEEE directive is the blueprint with minimum requirements to be transposed into national regulations. These are legally binding for all players concerned. As with all European directives, national regulations may deviate from the directive as long as its minimum requirements are met.

The current WEEE regulation applies to all private and business use EE, it has a so called “open scope” starting from August 15, 2018. Only military use goods and incandescent light bulbs are exempted. Prior to 2018 further categories of goods, e.g. IVD were also exempted.

To comply with WEEE regulation all EE sold in the common market must be marked with the “wheeled bin” symbol.

INTEGRA Biosciences has marked all EE put on the market with the “wheeled bin” since the inception of the European WEEE regulation. In markets with direct sales by national subsidiaries, INTEGRA Biosciences subsidiaries are registered and also offer collection of electronic waste as participating members of collection schemes or they collect EE directly, depending on the local regulation.
4 Proposition 65

Proposition 65 with the official title “Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 is a regulation in the US State of California. The regulation requires the State of California to publish a list of chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. This list, which must be updated at least once a year, has grown to include approximately 900 chemicals since it was first published in 1987.

By law, a warning to the end user must be given for listed chemicals unless the exposure is low enough to pose no significant risk of cancer or is significantly below levels observed to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. If a warning is placed on a product label or posted or distributed at a workplace, a business, or in rental housing, the business issuing the warning is aware or believes that it is exposing individuals to one or more listed chemicals.

INTEGRA Biosciences, together with its suppliers, continuously monitors components and aims to put products on the market that are safe considering the listed substances unless stated otherwise. The current list of chemicals can be found here: https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/chemicals

5 Conflict Minerals

17 CFR PARTS 240 and 249b, the so-called “Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act” requires companies which are publicly listed to declare whether their products contain so-called 3TG (Tungsten, Titanium, Tantalum or Gold) Minerals from the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire, not to be confused with Republic of the Congo).

The European Union (EU) Regulation 2017/821 laying down supply chain due diligence obligations for Union importers of tin, tantalum and tungsten, their ores, and gold originating from conflict-affected and high-risk areas targets the same sources and minerals as the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

The goal of both regulations is to reduce the income Congolese warlords generated from illegal mining operations, exploiting child and slave labor.

INTEGRA Biosciences does not directly source or process 3TG minerals.

3TG minerals are contained in INTEGRA Biosciences products in the form of solder, as part of electronic components, or in metal alloys. As part of reasonable due diligence, INTEGRA Biosciences requests declarations from its component suppliers in a regular interval to verify their continued compliance with the regulations.

Based on the information received, INTEGRA Biosciences declares that its products contain 3TG minerals sourced from conflict-free areas.