



[Responsibilities and Actions in Relation to Suppliers]

Permeating CSR through the supply chain

Aiming at a win-win relationship between Murata and its suppliers through CSR activities

We think it is important that a company not only pursue profits but also fulfill its social responsibilities. And, in purchasing activities, that the buyer not only procure the targeted item from the supplier, but also make the supplier conscious of CSR. Not limiting ourselves to the standpoint of management, such as advancing greater awareness and performing regular audits, we also aim at appropriate quality and environment-friendly production activities by advancing the concept of "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" together with our suppliers. For example, the reuse of packing materials and the introduction of reusable shipping cartons have the effect of also reducing effort and cost for the supplier. We are working to permeate improvements in work conditions, safety, and health, as well as other results through our supply chain. With CSR, it is important that Murata and its suppliers make sustainable improvements together. We have attempted to convey that during our visits to our suppliers and when making proposals for improvement. By placing this point of view within our management activities, Murata and its suppliers enter into a win-win relationship. And that is our goal.

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[Response to the problem of conflict minerals]

Upon the enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act in the U.S. in July of 2010, the problem of "conflict minerals" garnered a great deal of close-up attention worldwide. Then, in August 2012, once the SEC had issued a final rule pursuant to that Act, many of our customers began to ask us to provide information on the conflict minerals contained in our products. At our company, we regard this "conflict mineral problem" as part of our corporate social responsibility (CSR), and are tackling it through the following policies:

- (1) Construct a mechanism of managing conflict minerals and continuously promote activities towards making our products free of conflict minerals.
- (2) Investigate smelters used for component materials based on an "EICC/GeSI program".
- (3) Transmit and share timely information about conflict minerals with customers, including information on smelters.

In the future, we will continue to be in close cooperation with both our suppliers and customers to earnestly and surely work toward resolving this problem as one of the corporate social responsibilities that our company should fulfill.