

For Establishing Good Relationships with Business Partners

Tamron respects human rights, ensures compliance with laws and regulations and pursues fair and transparent transactions, in order to establish good relationships with our business partners and supply society with high quality products and services.

Basic Procurement Policy

We at Tamron believe that maintaining good relationships with our business partners is essential for developing high-quality original products measuring up to customer expectation and selling them at prices attractive to customers. In starting to work on CSR management from 2007, we enacted our action declarations and action codes based on this.

Action Declarations

Tamron expects all business partners will respect human rights, ensure compliance with laws and regulations, and supply Tamron with high quality products and services through fair and transparent transactions, enabling us to establish good partnerships, grow and contribute to society together.

Action Codes

(1) Fair transactions

Tamron strives to sufficiently and properly understand all related laws and regulations and pursue fair and transparent transactions through free competition, focusing on QCDE⁽¹⁾, working together with business partners.

(2) Mutual growth

Tamron pursues growth together with business partners by reflecting own proprietary technology and competitive edges in our products and services.

(3) Environmentally-friendly transactions

Tamron works on conserving the environment of our Earth together with business partners.

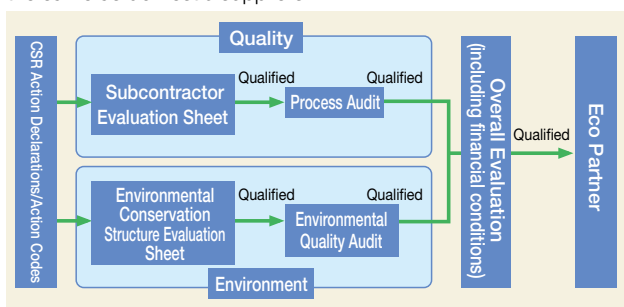
(4) Human rights

Tamron respects human rights together with all business partners including secondary and tertiary partners, eliminating forced and child labor.

⁽¹⁾ QCDE: Quality, Cost, Delivery and Environment

Tamron Procedures to Select Suppliers

Before commencing transactions with any new suppliers, Tamron evaluates their quality assurance structures, environment conservation structures and financial conditions through Tamron evaluation standards and audits, accrediting only suppliers satisfying Tamron standards as eco partners to give them priority in business transactions. In 2008, Tamron plans to introduce our CSR into procurement, while adding the labor environment, safety, sanitation and other factors as prerequisites for overseas suppliers, the same as domestic suppliers.



Flow of Selecting Suppliers

Green Procurement

Tamron procures raw materials and parts from suppliers with properly established environmental management and chemical substance management structures. These suppliers are our eco partners. Regulations for eliminating harmful chemical substances have been becoming stricter globally. Tamron strives to ensure proper management of harmful chemical substances together with suppliers. Tamron distributes our "Environment-related Substance Management Regulations" stipulating harmful chemical substances that must not be used, "Guidance for Environmental Quality Assurance Structure", a procedure manual for preventing using harmful chemical substances in products, and our "Environmental Quality Management Procedures" to all suppliers, requesting their cooperation, auditing, and implementing follow-ups of audit findings. To guarantee that our products are free of harmful chemical substances, Tamron introduced advanced equipment such as XRF (X-ray fluorescent analysis apparatus), ICP-AES (Inductively-Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometry) and GC-MS (Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry) for checking lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chrome, PBB and PBDE⁽²⁾ in parts, materials and products.

⁽²⁾ PBB (polybrominated biphenyl) and PBDE (polybrominated diphenylether) are used mainly as fire retardants in plastic, rubber and tape. They are registered as endocrine disrupting chemical substances (environment endocrine disrupters), suspected to cause memory failure, central nervous system disorders such as depression, ateleiosis, liver problems, and hypertrophied thyroid gland.

Interview with a supplier



Kazuhiko Tanaka
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Managing environmentally harmful substances is our commitment to the earth and our children.

We at Kanepackage understand Tamron has been striving to satisfy regulations with intensive systems for eliminating environmentally harmful substances from Tamron products, preparing for this era when controlling regulations are becoming stricter and value their contribution toward protecting the Earth.

Our company supplies Tamron with packaging materials. When studying how we could cooperate with Tamron, helping users to be confident in Tamron products and contribute to society, Tamron suggested introducing an XRF analyzer. This instrument enables us to show that our packaging materials are free of harmful substances, particularly RoHS substances⁽³⁾. We introduced an XRF analyzer in November 2007. Now, by combining our own inspections with the analyzer and validation by our raw material suppliers, we can supply all our customers including Tamron with packaging materials satisfying all applicable regulations. We wish to continue to contribute to protecting our environment by utilizing the XRF analyzer and striving to provide our customers with products that are safe and impressive, as we advocate with our company creed for environmental protection.

⁽³⁾ Lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chrome, PBB and PBDE