

## **COTSWORKS' Declaration of Conformity for Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) per the Montreal Protocol**

The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer was an international agreement signed in 1987 and entered into force on January 1, 1989. This agreement was created to phase out the production and consumption of ozone-depleting substances (ODS) to protect the ozone layer by reducing the concentration of ODS in the atmosphere worldwide.

Ozone-depleting substances are man-made gases that destroy the ozone once they reach the ozone layer. The ozone layer located in the upper atmosphere protects our planet and reduces the amount of harmful ultraviolet radiation that hits the earth from the sun. Ultraviolet radiation can have harmful effects on both humans and the environment. For example, it can cause skin cancer and cataracts, affect plant growth, and damage marine environments.

COTSWORKS, INC. hereby declares that our products do not contain ODS, and we do not directly produce, import, export, or use any substances listed under the Montreal Protocol as ODS. As a company that designs and assembles optical components and assemblies, our processes do not use or produce any ozone-depleting substances. We have also communicated the requirements for this protocol to our suppliers to ensure they too do not utilize or use any ODS in the products we purchase from them.

Please contact us here [quality@cotsworks.com](mailto:quality@cotsworks.com) if you have any further questions about our environmental programs and compliance with them.

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