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## The FIC Year 2000 Statement of Compliance

### Background Information

The Year 2000 presents a major problem for both corporate and home computer users. A typical PC problem presented by the Year 2000 has to do with the proper change of the first two digits in year date ("19" to "20"). Many older computer systems cannot recognize this change and this represents a potential threat to time-sensitive data and normal operation of such computers and computers that exchange data with systems affected over a network or in other way.

### FIC Statement

FIC recognizes the Year 2000 concerns and will do its best to supply its customers with the Year 2000-related support. An FIC Year 2000 Compliant BIOS (Compliant BIOS) will not produce errors in date handling under the circumstances specified in the FIC Definition of the Year 2000 Compliance (Definition). Compliant BIOS files were under DOS for items contained in the Definition with YMark2000 utility from National Software Testing Laboratories (NSTL).

All FIC BIOS files without explicit mention of the Year 2000 compliance are considered Non-Compliant. Customers are advised to prevent problems by using available software utilities, moving date-sensitive data and applications to compliant systems, upgrading OS, and other measures.

### FIC Definition of the Year 2000 Compliance

The Year 2000 compliance is the ability of system BIOS to:

- a) correctly rollover between the year 1999 to 2000 in both the power-off and the power-on state (the latter only when date is obtained via BIOS and not directly from RTC)
- b) correctly display post-year 2000 dates
- c) recognize leap years 2000 and 2004

### Notes

Since computer systems often operate in vastly different environments (networks, servers, stand-alone PCs, custom-made applications, etc.), FIC encourages customers to do additional testing because of the potentially damaging effect of the date change. Because each customer's environment and applications are different from FIC's lab environment, customers are strongly encouraged to verify the Year 2000 compliance with their applications and within their environment. Especially critical are network servers and custom-made applications that either use two-digit year data or obtain date information directly from RTC and/or contain date-sensitive hardware, OS or applications (such as database and accounting applications).

Our effort is ongoing and FIC will ensure that customers receive maximum support in respect with all BIOS issues, including Compliance. For more information and technical updates, please visit FIC Year 2000 pages in the Technical Support section of our Taiwan Web site (<http://www.fic.com.tw>).

### Disclaimer

The FIC Year 2000 Statement of Compliance does not represent a warranty. Information provided by FIC and its affiliate companies regarding the Year 2000 BIOS compliance is provided for the sole purpose of assisting our customers in their preparation for the transition to the Year 2000.