

Guidelines and standards for compliance with a conflict-free supply chain

Acc. "Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act 2010, Section 1502"

For suppliers of companies which are under the regulatory of the US Securities and Exchange Commission:

Deliveries and materials containing tantalum, tin, gold, tungsten are only to be accepted from DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo and neighbouring countries) conflict-free supply sources.

For this purpose, affected companies must submit a Reasonable Country of Origin Inquiry (RCOI) annually. This involves **the entire supply chain** - listed or independent - in order to trace conflict minerals back to the mine. In this way, reporting obligations are passed along the supply chain, affecting suppliers around the world.

As part of our duty of care, we must strive to verify that the materials mentioned above come from smelters validated in accordance with the CFS program and are listed on the CFS Compliant Smelter List. This information must then be passed on to us.

There are two options:

1. You don't know the origin of the materials you use:
➔ Pass on the reporting obligation to your supplier
2. You know the origin of the materials you use:
➔ Fill out the [following form](#)

If it is not possible for you to comply with this obligation, inform us immediately to discuss further steps.

Kind regards

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