



Manufacturers Declaration

Dodd-Frank Act (Conflict Minerals)

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The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has added Section 1502 - Conflict Minerals - to the Dodd-Frank Act. This legislation requires US listed companies to demonstrate annually that the following mineral commodities (ores) and their derivatives

- tantalum,
- tin,
- tungsten,
- gold

do not originate from countries in which armed conflicts are being fought.

As a manufacturer of analytical equipment, we are indirectly affected and take our responsibility very seriously. We have made our suppliers aware that we do not agree to the use of materials from the regions mentioned in paragraph 1502.

As a company from the EU, we do not fall directly within the scope of this law. Nevertheless, we pay close attention to German, European and international developments concerning ethical, social and environmental standards. In the EU, we follow the Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (CRMT).

Furthermore, we have asked our suppliers to disclose and confirm in writing the origin of the substances listed above as well as their derivatives so that the requirements of Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act are met.

The supply chain through which such conflict minerals are traded and sold are very complex. For this reason, we require our suppliers to source the material content in the products they supply to us exclusively from conflict-free or certified smelters.

We contact all affected suppliers on a regular basis. Currently, we have no indications that conflict minerals from the affected countries are used in our products.

