

Franke Industrie AG Policy of conflict minerals

Conflict minerals are used in conflict and high risk areas to finance violence and crimes against human rights. Some of these minerals and the metals extracted from them can find their way into the global supply chain. The Dodd Frank Act in the United States of America and Regulation (EU) 2017/821 of the European Parliament and of the Council of May 17, 2017 laying down obligations for the fulfillment of due diligence in the supply chain for Union importers of tin, Tantalum, tungsten, their ores and gold from conflict and high-risk areas define conflict minerals as tin, tungsten, tantalum, their ores and gold (3TG) and the products made from them. "Conflict and high-risk areas" are areas in which armed conflicts are waged or which are in a fragile situation after conflict, as well as areas in which governance and security are weak or non-existent, for example failed states, and where wide-spread and systematic violations of international law, including human rights violations, take place. The conflict areas include in particular the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) - but in some cases also the neighboring states there - due to the armed groups involved in dismantling there.

Franke Industrie AG takes the following steps to declare with a high degree of confidence that the own supply chain is free of conflict minerals.

- Raw material purchase at specialised longtime suppliers
- Confirmation of suppliers that their own supply chain is free of conflict minerals
- Adoption of the EICC-GeSI reporting template for conflict minerals

Nevertheless it has to be considered that Franke Industrie AG and the suppliers of the raw material may have a limited overview of the complete own supply chain.

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