

Conflict Minerals Policy

Conflict materials and their origin

The US federal law (Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, Sec. 1502) defines the handling of the conflict minerals columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, wolframite and gold as well as their derivatives originating from the region of the DRC and neighboring countries (DRC region). The DRC region includes the countries Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

The American legislation therewith responds to the development of human rights violations such as forced labor, human trafficking and child labor in connection with the conflict minerals in the DRC region.

The CEO of WIELAND Edelmetalle GmbH provide the following policy statement:

Commitment

As a company for recycling and processing precious metals, we fulfill our commitment to support regulatory agencies in the identification of conflict minerals. Because of indirect business relationship with US companies and an increasing number of requests along the supply chain, we want to meet the requirements through a certified system.

We are fully aware of our social, environmental and economic responsibilities and commit to a social, environmentally friendly and thus sustainable use of limited natural resources. We ensure that our products are not contain raw materials from illegal sources or obtained through ethically questionable mining methods in developing countries.

Implementation

WIELAND Edelmetalle GmbH offers products and services that meet the requirements of "conflict-free gold". Therefore, the Conflict Free Source Initiative (CFSI) has certified our company and listed it on their homepage.

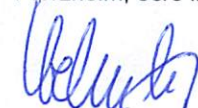
The commitment reflected also in the "Code of Conduct" of the German professional association "Fachvereinigung Edelmetalle e. V."

We use the following activities for early detection of conflict minerals:

- Purchase of pure metals only from companies which are audited by appropriate bodies (LBMA, CFSI, RJC)
- Information and awareness of our employees
- Due Diligence along the supply chain ("responsible supply chain")
- Verification of customers and suppliers („know your customer")
- acquisition of material data

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