

# EU Conflict Minerals Regulation 2017/821

Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (DoddFrank Act)

On January 1, 2021, the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation 2017/821 came into force. This regulation establishes due diligence obligations for importers of tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold (commonly known as 3TG) as well as cobalt and mica into the European Union. Its aim is to regulate the trade of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas, thereby contributing to the prevention of funding violence and human rights abuses in these regions.

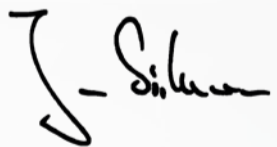
Companies importing affected minerals in specific quantities are required to implement a risk management system that is subject to regular review and audit. The threshold quantities for the minerals are specified in Annex I of the regulation. Only importers exceeding these thresholds are subject to the detailed due diligence obligations.

The Dodd-Frank Act, particularly Section 1502, came into effect on August 22, 2012. It requires publicly listed U.S. companies to disclose whether their products contain tin, tantalum, tungsten or gold sourced from conflict regions. The primary objective of this regulation is to prevent the financing of armed groups in the region surrounding the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and adjacent countries.

Although the Dodd-Frank Act primarily targets U.S. companies, German companies - including suppliers and downstream companies - may be indirectly affected if they work with U.S. customers or receive corresponding requirements from business partners within the supply chain.

The bilstein group does not directly import the affected minerals. Currently there is no indication that the minerals or metals used in our products originate from conflict-affected or high-risk areas. We work closely with our suppliers to ensure that the materials we use comply with applicable regulations.

We will continue to monitor developments related to conflict minerals and oversee our supply chains to ensure compliance with the applicable rules.



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