

Conflict Minerals Policy

Legislation

Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform & Consumer Protection Act

EU conflict minerals regulation 2017/821

Background

Conflict minerals include the metals tantalum, tin, tungsten and gold, often referred to as 3TG. Conflict minerals are resources that are mined and used to influence and finance armed conflict, human right abuses and violence.

Conflict minerals can be extracted at many different locations, including the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Armed groups in the DRC and adjoining countries reportedly exploit 3TG to finance conflict in the region.

3TG are defined as conflict minerals regardless of where they are extracted but are considered as "DRC conflict-free" if the extraction did not directly or indirectly benefit armed groups in DRG or adjoining countries.

Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act requires companies to audit their supply chains and disclose whether they have purchased conflict minerals from DRC, and the goal is to eliminate financing of the armed conflict through transparency in the supply chain. This is not a ban on minerals from DRC, but companies are required to disclose if those minerals originate from the DRC.

EU conflict minerals regulation 2017/821 came into force 1 Januari 2021. The regulation includes supply chain due diligence obligations for Union importers of 3TG and requires EU importers to source from responsible and conflict-free sources only.

Conflict minerals in Expander System Sweden's products

Products manufactured by Expander System Sweden AB do not contain minerals from conflict and high risk zones.

If any content of conflict minerals would be identified in any new raw material that we would plan to source, we would require our suppliers to be able to provide us with information about the source of material containing conflict minerals in conformance with IPC-1755 Conflict Minerals Data Exchange Standard, i.e. the Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (CMRT) developed and managed by the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI).

Expander System Sweden AB supports and respects the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights and expects its business partners to do the same. Our business partners are expected to not be part of any violation of human rights and to have due diligence process in place that cover the entity's business relationships to eliminate the risk of complicity in human right abuses.

If any suspicion arises concerning the origin of conflict minerals in any new raw material that would be potentially used for our products, appropriate actions will be taken.

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