

**Quantec Group's conflict minerals policy.**

The U.S. Dodd-Frank Act to reform U.S. financial market laws by improving accountability and transparency was signed by President Obama in July 2010. Section 1502 of the Act specifically addresses conflict minerals from the Democratic Republic of Congo and its neighboring countries, designating wolframite, cassiterite, columbite-tantalite (coltan), gold, and the derived metals tantalum, tin, and tungsten.

According to this, companies that process these substances and are listed on the U.S. stock exchange are to prove annually whether armed rebel groups are supported by the mining of the raw materials mentioned - if they are crucial to the manufacture or function of the products. The companies concerned will be required to disclose whether conflict raw materials are used in their products and, if so, whether they originate in the DRC or neighboring countries.

For EU importers of so-called conflict minerals - tin, tantalum, tungsten, their ores and gold - extensive due diligence and auditing obligations along the supply chain will become binding from January 1, 2021. EU Regulation No. 2017/821 establishing supply chain due diligence obligations for Union importers of tin, tantalum, tungsten, their ores and gold from conflict and high risk areas. The aim of the regulation is to curb the financing of violence and human rights abuses in conflict or high-risk areas.

**Quantec Group ourselves do not directly import metals and minerals, and therefore also not so-called conflict raw materials from smelters or mines. However, we support our customers in fulfilling their reporting obligations by providing the relevant information. We work closely with our own suppliers to understand the sources of metals contained in their products and to ensure conflict-free metals in our supply chain. Accordingly, we require our suppliers to source the material content in the products they supply to us exclusively from conflict-free or certified smelters and to provide us with written details of their due diligence steps.**

**To our knowledge, they do not use conflict material originating in the Democratic Republic of Congo or any of the neighboring countries.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Hohaus".

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CEO

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