

CONFLICT MINERALS INFO SHEET

Why Fronius is committed to Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act

Fronius is part of the supply chain of US-listed companies that have a disclosure and reporting obligation regarding the use of certain raw materials which originate from the DRC or neighboring countries. This ensures that Fronius products do not infringe the Dodd-Frank Act.



Dodd-Frank Act

Chapter Fifteen of this US legislation imposes a documentation and publication obligation on publicly listed companies for certain conflict minerals. In particular, the financing of ethically questionable resource extraction methods in developing countries should be prevented. Specifically, it aims to ensure that the armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and its neighboring countries is not funded by American companies.

Conflict minerals and potentially affected products

The following raw materials and minerals are defined under the Dodd-Frank Act as conflict minerals:

Gold

Used, for example, in the wiring technology, contact surfaces and semiconductors

Tungsten (Mineral - wolframite)

Used, for example, in TIG electrodes and tool steel

Tin (Mineral - cassiterite)

Used, for example, in tin solder, bronze and non-ferrous metals

Tantalum (Mineral - coltan)

Used, for example, in Ta capacitors

Use of conflict minerals in Fronius products

In order to continue to deliver legally compliant products, Fronius only accepts conflict mineral-free goods from its suppliers. Therefore Fronius requires its suppliers to comply with the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act.

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