

# Conflict Minerals



**A general statement from MEN Mikro Elektronik GmbH regarding the use of 'conflict minerals' in products as referred to in section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act).**

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On 22 August 2012, the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) integrated the guidelines as specified by the "Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act" (Dodd-Frank Act) from 2010, and added item 15 (section 1502), regulations for reporting and disclosure in relation to the use of so-called conflict minerals.

The aim of these regulations is to curb the trade of conflict minerals, and to ensure a high level of protection for both people and the environment. MEN Mikro Elektronik GmbH considers this fundamental social aim to be very worthwhile and essential. For this reason, MEN Mikro Elektronik GmbH consistently checks the environmental and safety relevant aspects and consequences of all business decisions and transactions.

According to the Dodd-Frank Act, the conflict minerals include cassiterite (tin), wolframite (tungsten), coltan (tantalite), gold and derivatives thereof, all raw materials that are very important for the electronics industry, and which originate from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DCR), or one of the neighboring countries like Angola, Burundi, The Republic of Congo, Ruanda, Zambia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and the Central African Republic, and help to finance the armed conflicts in those countries.

MEN Mikro Elektronik GmbH is not a U.S. listed company and is not necessarily subject to the DFA section 1502.

We are working independently with our suppliers/manufacturers on clarifying the facts. At the same time, we are entirely dependent on our suppliers/manufacturers as here we are considered 'the customer' and not the 'manufacturer' of the purchased parts. As a customer, and due to our extensive portfolio, we cannot make a general statement as to whether so-called 'conflict minerals' from the above mentioned countries are used or not.

However, we are in close contact with our manufacturers regarding this subject.

This is a lengthy process, and as mentioned already, our influence in this area is limited. Alternatively we could stop delivery of products, which have been approved up to this point, to our customers until we receive the confirmation from our suppliers. However, in our opinion this is unacceptable as far as ongoing contractual relationships and the related consequences for the continued supply chain are concerned.

Of course our goal is to offer our customers the best possible support. For this reason, in the future we will continue to be active as far as this subject is concerned.