

Conflict minerals statement

The EU issued Regulation (EU) 2017/821 of the European Parliament and Council of the 17th of May 2017 which “establishes supply chain due diligence obligations for Union importers of tin, tantalum and tungsten, their ores and gold originating in conflict-affected or high-risk areas” which will apply from 1 January 2021 only for the importers of tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold, whether these take the form of ores, concentrates or processed metals with headquarters in the EU.

The “Securities and Exchange Commission” (SEC) has prepared a legislation regarding the detection and published requirements of “Conflict Minerals”, as indicated in the 2010 “Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act”.

“Materials from Conflict Region” are the ones originated in the Democratic Republic of Congo or from adjacent countries (“DRC”) for the manufacturing of products.

All proceeds from the sale of “Conflict-Minerals” mined from conflict regions finance the inter-ethnic conflicts, associated with civil wars originated in the Democratic Republic of Congo and therefore funding abusive and violent armed groups in the DRC and others adjacent countries.

“Materials from Conflict Region” include:

- Columbite-tantalite, also known as coltan (metallic ore from which tantalum is extracted)
- Cassiterite (metallic ore from which tin is extracted)
- Gold
- Wolframite (metallic ore from which tungsten is extracted)
- Any other mineral or its derivatives which the U.S. Secretary of State has indicated as funding of conflict in the DRC countries.

Rules require that manufacturers need to communicate if the products contain “Conflict Minerals”, which are “necessary for the functionality or productivity” of said products

Ekinex S.p.a. is committed to respect U.S. law (“Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act”) relating to “Conflict-Minerals” zones ore and the Regulation (EU) 2017/821 of the European Parliament and of the Council, to not knowingly procure specified metals that originate from mines in the “Conflict Region” that are not certified as “Conflict Free”.

Ekinex S.p.a. declares that the items produced and distributed do not contain minerals from the “Conflict Region” or high-risk zone (DRC), this declaration is based on the joint statements received by Tierce Group S.p.a. suppliers, is not aware of the possible presence of “minerals from the Conflict Region” in his supply chain, as defined in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, Section 1502 and the California Senate Bill 861, that the tin (Sn) contained in the raw materials used by it derives from recycling or waste.

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