

Statement from SAUTER about the use of conflict minerals in products with reference to Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act

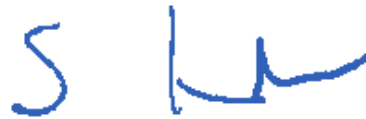
The Dodd-Frank Act understands the term conflict minerals to mean the raw materials tantalum, tin, gold and tungsten, if their extraction and the trade in these raw materials contributes to the financing or other support of armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or its neighbouring states (Angola, Burundi, Republic Congo, Rwanda, Zambia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Central African Republic). This regulation aims to prevent the financing of armed groups through the extraction or trade in raw materials in the DRC or neighbouring states.

SAUTER is conscious of its social responsibility in terms of the environment, security, health and human rights and understands that its conduct in business transactions has an influence on society and the environment. In order to ensure peaceful, fair and sustainable use of our global resources, SAUTER requests that its suppliers declare the origin of the above-mentioned materials and observe Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act.

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