

Statement on the Conflict Minerals Regulation (EU) 2017/821

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On July 15, 2010, the U.S. Congress passed the Wall Street Reform Act, which also contains a regulation for Conflict Minerals. The law is aimed at companies that use **tantalum, tin, tungsten or gold** in their products or in the production of their products and requires these companies to file an annual report with the US Securities and Exchange Commission disclosing whether these minerals originate from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or its neighbouring countries.

As a company not listed on the US stock exchange, botek Präzisionsbohrtechnik GmbH has no legal obligation to fulfil the conflict minerals requirements of Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act.

In Europe, Regulation (EU) 2017/821 came into force on May 17, 2017 to establish supply chain due diligence obligations for EU-importers of tin, tantalum, tungsten, their ores and gold from conflict-affected and high-risk areas.

As a processing company that only imports raw materials from outside the EU below the threshold specified in the regulation, botek Präzisionsbohrtechnik GmbH is not obliged to provide information. We naturally comply with the request for voluntary due diligence. As part of a due diligence process, we have actively requested our suppliers to provide us with information on a possible origin of the raw materials supplied to us from conflict and high-risk areas.

We currently have no indications that the raw materials supplied to us contain minerals originating from 'conflict-affected' sources.

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