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## Statement on conflict minerals

The US Dodd-Frank Act (SEC) came into force in July 2010. Its primary purpose is to reform US financial market law, but Section 1502 requires companies listed on US stock exchanges to disclose the use and origin of "conflict minerals" annually in the form of the so-called "Conflict Minerals Report". The EU responded to the Dodd-Frank Act with Regulation (EU) 2017/821, which came into force de jure on January 1, 2021. In contrast to the Dodd-Frank Act, the EU regulation stipulates that the due diligence obligation begins at the time of import into the EU and not only when products are used in manufacturing.

The two laws define the minerals tin, tantalum (coltan), tungsten, gold and their ores as conflict minerals. The conflict minerals regulations aim in particular to promote humanitarian objectives to end the brutal armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo and its neighboring states and thus prevent human rights violations financed by armed conflicts. In doing so, the EU regulation goes one step further than the Dodd-Frank Act and generally names conflict and high-risk areas that are included in the CAHRA list.

Companies and their products are affected by the Dodd-Frank Act if the raw materials mentioned are necessary for their production or functionality. They must prove that their raw materials either do not originate from the regions in question, are obtained through recycling or comply with the comprehensive reporting obligations. In the EU, the responsibility and reporting obligation lies with importers of conflict minerals. As a rule, these raw materials are used in the wide-ranging electrical industry (production of cell phones, pacemakers, circuit boards, light bulbs). However, it cannot be ruled out that certain materials (pigments and dyes), for example in the furniture industry, may also contain conflict minerals.

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As a globally acting company and formulator of color products, we want to live up to our responsibility and disclose whether our products contain conflict minerals. We do not knowingly use conflict minerals in our own formulations and packaging. ISL-Chemie GmbH has received confirmation of this from suppliers, which can be provided in response to customer inquiries.

The above information corresponds to our current state of knowledge and the state of legislation on the date of issue.

Yours sincerely

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