

Under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act, Section 1502, of July 2010, the United States has passed legislation that intends to regulate the use of minerals from countries affected by conflicts or widespread human rights violations, such as the Democratic Republic of the Congo and neighboring countries.

Through this legislation, the United States intends to discourage companies, and the entire supply chain, from continuing to use minerals from that area in their production processes, the exploitation of which feeds regional conflicts.

Although this legislation does not prohibit the use of non conflict-free minerals, it obliges companies that use minerals from these areas to declare their origin. To do this, companies are currently obliged to trace the origin of some metals, including tin, tungsten, tantalum and gold.

On these same principles, the European Union on 17 May 2017 published Regulation (EU) 2017/821 which establishes obligations on the duty of diligence in the supply chain for importers of the Union of: Tin, Tantalum and Tungsten, of their minerals, and of Gold (3TG minerals and metals), originating from conflict or high risk areas.

VEGA srl, is a company that operates in the design and production of equipment, electronic modules, mechanical assemblies: it does not buy metals directly from mines, foundries or refineries, but only products, components and/or semi-finished products that contain minerals "potentially" coming from regions of conflict.

However, in compliance with the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act, Section 1502 and Regulation (EU) 2017/821, **VEGA srl**, although it is not able to certify the country of origin of the minerals contained in the products purchased, undertakes to promote an awareness policy towards its suppliers in order to collect useful information to trace the supply chain of these minerals and to share this information with its Customers and authorities.

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