

## **Declaration on Conflict Minerals**

Dear customers, business partners, interested parties,

On 9 July 2017, Regulation (EU) 2017/821 ("EU Conflict Minerals Regulation") came into force. As a legally binding standard, the Regulation since that time is to monitor fulfilment of due diligence obligations in the supply chain for the procurement of raw materials in the EU Member States. Union importers are obliged to responsibly procure mineral resources such as tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold and their derivatives, which can cause the emergence or dramatic expansion of conflicts or risks of human rights violations in regions with high raw material potential. The list of conflict areas and countries with high risks for local societies (CAHRA - Conflict Affected and High-Risk Areas. www.cahraslist.net) is controlled by the European Union and lists countries such as India, Turkey and several African countries as officially at risk.

With the help of the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation, the extraction of and trade in these highly sought-after minerals is to be restricted or, in the best case, prevented in order to counteract the spread of crises and conflicts with negative effects such as the financing of armed conflicts from the trade in minerals or resettlement/ depopulation, child labour or illegal mining as a result of the desirability of the minerals.

The MEILLER Group hereby declares that we take this regulation of the European Commission into account in our procurement strategy and encourage our suppliers in the common goal of paying attention to the sustainable procurement of raw materials.

To the best of our current knowledge, we assure you that we do not use any minerals from potential conflict or high-risk areas in our production processes for our MEILLER tippers and MEILLER door products. We ourselves do not directly import minerals from countries of origin that are included in the CAHRA list (so-called "conflict minerals"). As a manufacturer of tipper bodies on commercial vehicles and a manufacturer of doors, both of which are exclusively end products, we source the majority of our procurement volume for material categories that do not contain any of the minerals mentioned, such as steel, aluminium and plastics.



We source a small proportion of electronic parts and components that we observe on the subject of conflict minerals exclusively from reputable, well-known manufacturers or distributors with whom we have a long-standing, trusting business relationship and jointly monitor the issue of conflict minerals. However, as the manufacturer of the end product, we do not have complete transparency down to the origin of the minerals used in our suppliers' manufacturing processes. We are continuously developing traceability together with the supplier. However, we are unable to trace the non-use of conflict minerals in the indirect supply chain and across complex supply chains or refinement processes. We therefore accept no liability for the part of the supply chain that we cannot monitor or influence ourselves.

If we receive information about the use of conflict minerals in one of our products, either ourselves or via third parties, we will immediately initiate corrective measures. We will demand the replacement of the affected material with immediate effect and closely monitor the perpetrator, even after the measure has been implemented, in order to prevent repeated violations.

The MEILLER Group is aware of its responsibility in dealing with conflict materials and the negative effects on the environment, safety, society and human rights. We therefore act sustainably in our own production processes and in supplier development and promote the conflict-free and fair use of global resources in our own organisation and with our suppliers.

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