

Conflict Minerals Regulation (EU) 2017/821

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Declaration¹

All KME SE affiliates, hereinafter referred to as KME, supply products made of copper and copper alloys in the form of hot and cold rolled strips and sheets, extruded and drawn tubes, profiles and rods, stamping parts as well as special products such as casting moulds.

Since 01. January 2021 the EU-Conflict minerals regulation was set into force with the aim to

- ensure that EU importers of 3TG (tantalum, tin, tungsten, their ores and gold) meet international responsible sourcing standards, set by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- ensure that global and EU smelters and refiners of 3TG source responsibly;
- help to break the link between conflict and the illegal exploitation of minerals and
- help to put an end to the exploitation and abuse of local communities, including mine workers, and support local development.

The regulation covers minerals and metals of tantalum, tin, tungsten, their ores and gold and requires EU companies in the supply chain to ensure they import these minerals and metals from responsible and conflict-free sources only. (Source: European Commission)

KME is aware of its corporate responsibility along the supply chain and respects applicable regulations on due diligence, such as the EU Regulation on Conflict Minerals.

Even as a company that is not importing any conflict mineral (tantalum, tin, tungsten, their ores and gold) into the EU, we expect our business partners to comply with such regulations.

Consequently, we are making use of the CMRT (Conflict Minerals Reporting Template), that has been developed by the internationally recognised initiative RMI (Responsible Minerals Initiative). Our efforts on supply chain due diligence are built on a risk-based approach, which is also part of the OECD Due Diligence Guidance. We require our business partners to comply with their due diligence obligations, too.

Please refer to www.kme.com to download the latest CMRT-declaration.

Further information to EU-conflict minerals regulation is available here: <https://ec.europa.eu>

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