



## Conflict Minerals

### **Statement Dodd-Frank Act: US Conflict Minerals Law / EU-Initiative**

Rittal, as a leading manufacturer of enclosures worldwide, is also a supplier to U.S. customers. In accordance with our ethical and social responsibility, and our commitment to the protection of the environment, our cooperation with our suppliers is governed by the Rittal "Code of Conduct".

Rittal is familiar with the US Conflict Minerals Law as well as the corresponding EU initiative regarding columbite-tantalite (tantalum), cassiterite (tin), gold, wolframite (tungsten), or their derivatives (collectively, the "Covered Minerals"). We understand the importance of assisting our customers in complying with these rules and work closely with our customers to satisfy their supply chain due diligence efforts. In addition, each of our suppliers undergoes supplier audits conducted by [us / certified third parties], which are regulated in our Management Manual. The supplier certifications are thus an integral part of our supply chain process.

We use no Covered Minerals for any of the Rittal mechanical products, such as enclosures, racks, mechanical parts, metal sheets and assembly rails.

Rittal products with electrical and electronic components – such as climate control devices, or lights and switches – may possibly contain the Covered Minerals. The requirements arising from the US Conflict Minerals Law / the EU Initiative represent an additional requirement from us to the supply chain for these components. We are currently gathering information and working intensely on determining whether these products contain any Covered Minerals. In particular, we have already made inquiry of those suppliers where Rittal believes that the supplier may have used Covered Minerals in other products. For any products that are found to contain the Covered Minerals, Rittal will work closely with the suppliers of those Covered Minerals to determine their country of origin and status under the US Conflict Minerals Law and the EU Initiative.

Rittal also produces equipment and machinery used by its customers to produce products. For our customers that are merely using our equipment and machinery to produce their products, and are not themselves reselling that machinery as their product, the US Conflict Minerals Law and the corresponding EU initiative would not apply to our equipment and machinery.