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### **Background US Conflict Minerals**

The Wall\_Street\_Reform Act "Dodd\_Frank Act" (section 1502) from 2010 states that in the US listed companies must report to the stock exchange authorities every year about the use of so-called conflict minerals.

Conflict minerals are ores for the production of tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold, which are derived from the conflict zone Democratic Republic of the Congo and the adjacent areas described in the law. By revealing the origin of conflict minerals, the financing of Congolese militia is to be minimized and conflicts and crimes against humanity are to be prevented. A similar EU conflict minerals regulation has already been adopted and will come into force in 2021.

### **Background REACH SVHC**

REACH stands for Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals and entered into force as an EU Chemicals Ordinance on 1 June 2007. As an EU regulation, REACH is equally and directly applicable in all Member States. REACH will harmonize and simplify existing chemicals legislation. The list of SVHC substances is updated on a semi-annual basis.

### **Background RoHS**

Directive 2011/65 / EU (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment. On 22 July 2019 the extended directive 2015/863/EU (RoHS 3) came into force, which lists 10 instead of 6 hazardous substances with restrictions on their use. Each substance has its own limit values and in some applications exemptions are defined, whereby exceptions are limited in time and scope.

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