

Statement regarding Conflict Minerals

This statement regarding conflict minerals issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer:

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Object of the statement includes all products produced by AKRUS GmbH & Co. KG.

References:

- **OECD Due Diligence Guidance for responsible supply chains of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas**
- **EU conflict minerals law (Regulation (EU) 2017/821)**
 - COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2020/1588
 - COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2019/429
 - COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION (EU) 2018/1149
 - LIST OF CAHRAS (conflict affected and high-risk areas)
- **MinRohSorgG** (Mineralische-Rohstoffe-Sorgfaltspflichten-Gesetz vom 29. April 2020 (BGBl. I S. 864))
- **Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (PUBLIC LAW 111-203—July 21, 2010):** Section 1502 - Conflict Minerals
- **The Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA),** Article 8.10 (Trade and responsible supply chain management)
 - OECD Due Diligence Guidance for responsible supply chains of minerals from conflict-affected and high-risk areas and its supplements
- **The Conflict Minerals (Compliance) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, 2020 No. 1664**
 - The Conflict Minerals (Compliance) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, 2021 No. 145
 - **Northern Ireland Protocol Bill 2022-23 (NIP Bill) (2022-06-13)**

Akrus GmbH & Co. KG as a manufacturer of medical devices and machinery fulfills the requirements of traceability of the supply chain.

Akrus GmbH & Co. KG is not able to certify the country of origin of the minerals contained in the products manufactured by its suppliers. While Akrus GmbH & Co. KG is not required to report to the SEC in USA or German or EU authorities in this regard, Akrus GmbH & Co. KG is committed to comply with customer's reporting requirements.

This holds true in particular for so called conflict minerals. Conflict minerals are described as Gold (Au), Tantalum (Ta), Tungsten (W) and Tin (Sn), which are sourced from the Democratic Republic of Congo or adjoining countries from mines controlled by non-governmental military groups as well as countries in the list of CAHRAS.

Akrus GmbH & Co. KG is aware of its responsibility and will pass-on pertinent information relating to the products, which are advised may contain conflict materials, if communicated to Akrus GmbH & Co. KG by the component manufacturers themselves or its suppliers.

- Akrus GmbH & Co. KG has implemented a "Conflict Minerals Code" for relevant suppliers to supplement the standard Code of Conduct. This code requires suppliers

to fully commit to not having the use and sale of conflict minerals contribute to the ongoing conflict in the relevant countries.

- Akrus GmbH & Co. KG requires all relevant suppliers of products containing conflict minerals to identify the smelters/refiners in their supply chains by using the CFSI's Conflict Mineral Reporting Template (CMRT) in its latest version.

Akrus GmbH & Co. KG is committed to corporate social responsibility and sustainability efforts.

In addition, Akrus GmbH & Co. KG has reviewed its existing supply base, and in particular suppliers of materials, which contain the mentioned minerals. Akrus GmbH & Co. KG can confirm that there is no indication that any products manufactured by Akrus GmbH & Co. KG contain conflict minerals.

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