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# EU Conflict Minerals

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## The main aims:

- Ensure that through the supply chains companies do not contribute to the financing of armed conflicts
- Improve the ability of EU operators to comply with existing due diligence frameworks (OECD, US Dodd Frank Act).
- Increase public liability of and transparency of smelters and refiners practices making it easier to source metals responsibly
- Act at the most effective level of the EU supply chain for the covered minerals and to facilitate the flow of due diligence information down to end users.

## Summary of EU Conflict Minerals Regulation:



- EU Commission proposal published on 5 March 2014
- Voluntary self-certification by EU importers of tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold (ores and metals)
- Focuses on upstream portion of supply chain, specifically the importers of conflict minerals into the EU
- Defines “Conflict Minerals” as tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold (same as US conflict minerals rule).
- Is global in scope, not limited to Central Africa

## Summary of EU Conflict Minerals Regulation:



- Self certification requirements based on the OECD Due Diligence Guidance (5- steps framework)
- Disclosure obligations of the certified EU importers.
- Publication of a list of responsible smelters and refiners.
- Ex-post checks by EU Member States Competent Authorities  
Publication of an EU list of responsible smelters/refiners



## Accompanying measures to promote responsible sourcing:

- In an EU Communication to European Parliament and Council:
- Promotion of responsible practices by smelters and refiners
- Financial support for SMEs
- Public procurement incentives
- Use of government-to-business networks to facilitate uptake of the EU 'responsible importer' certificate
- Give visibility to the efforts of companies that provide letters of intent announcing relevant commitments.



## Next steps:

- **The European Parliament** requested mandatory legislation end of January 2014
- **The new European Parliament and Council** will take up the proposal later this year, i.e. EP First Reading and Council Common Position
- **Agenda** to be clarified
- **Automotive Industry position paper?**