



## Ritz Instrument Transformers GmbH DRC conflict-free purchasing policy

As Ritz Instrument Transformers GmbH processes different metals, we are obliged taking care of health, safety and protection of people and the environment. These principles are the contents of our business practices. We expect our suppliers to share this obligation as a part of our sustainability efforts.

### Conflict Minerals

In the past, by taking advantage of anti-social and environmentally harmful practices in mining of raw materials, especially in the eastern provinces of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), armed conflicts in this region were funded.

The Dodd Frank Act in the United States of America defines conflict minerals as tin, tungsten, tantalum and gold as well as the products using those materials. Our commitment to sustainable development requires us to pay attention to this concern, even if Ritz Instrument Transformers GmbH is not directly sourcing minerals from the DRC. Ritz Instrument Transformers GmbH is committed to neither purchase such raw materials or components nor to cooperate with suppliers knowing that they use conflict minerals financing or promoting, directly or indirectly, the armed groups in the DRC. We have asked our relevant suppliers to confirm that they provide only conflict-free materials to Ritz Instrument Transformers GmbH.

These suppliers have confirmed, according to their best knowledge and investigation, not supplying conflict minerals to us. Thereby, it has to be taken into account that they may possibly have limited insight to their supply chain reducing their ability to understand the precise origin of minerals.

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