

# Jacob purchasing policy "Conflict-free materials"

Safety and the protection of people and the environment are fundamental components of the company philosophy of Jacob GmbH.

We expect our suppliers to share these values for the long term as partners.

Armed conflicts in the region around the eastern provinces of the Democratic Republic of Congo and bordering countries are financed by the use of exploitative and environmentally damaging practices in the extraction of raw materials.

In July 2010, U.S. President Barack Obama signed the Dodd-Frank Act which, as well as regulating financial markets, also requires companies to refrain from the use of raw materials originating from areas of conflict (§ 1502).

The act affects the metals tantalum, tungsten, tin and gold.

Jacob has committed itself to both avoiding these kinds of raw materials and not working together with suppliers who we know use "conflict minerals", which either directly or indirectly finance or benefit the armed groups in the conflict regions.

We asked our relevant suppliers to confirm that they only supply Jacob with conflict-free materials. These suppliers confirmed to us to the best of their knowledge that they supply us with conflict-free materials.

As a socially responsible, ethically correct and sustainably trading company, Jacob follows a holistic approach when doing business with its suppliers, ensures compliance with these international standards and expects this in turn from its suppliers.

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