

Dodd-Frank Section 1502

Section 1502 of the Dodd–Frank Act shall prevent the use of "conflict minerals", which finance the rebels in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

The relevant materials are tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold from the Great Lakes region of East Africa. To this region also belong the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda.

The alloying elements tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold are not referenced in the relevant norms for fasteners such as ISO 898-1 and ISO 3506-1 and are therefore not intentionally present. The same applies to anti-corrosion coatings such as zinc-plating (ISO 4042), zinc laminated coatings (ISO 10683) and hot-dip galvanizing (ISO 10684).

Arnold Industries and Bossard offer fasteners of carbon steel, stainless steel and non-ferrous metals like copper, brass, aluminium etc. The fastener manufactures and we as a retailer buy from the world market, but not in the Democratic Republic of Congo or the surrounding states.

We strive for as much sustainability and transparency as possible for our products and their ingredients and to the best of our knowledge our parts do not contain alloying elements from the concerned region.

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