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## **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.

Newstar Fastenings offer fasteners of standard steel, stainless steel and non-ferrous metals like copper, brass, etc. The affected elements tin, tantalum and tungsten may be present in the construction materials of these products. The fastener manufactures we purchase from buy their finished products on the world market, but not in the Democratic Republic of Congo or the surrounding states. It is not always possible for us to reconstruct, from where the manufactures get their semi-finished products and from which countries the steel producers source their alloying elements.

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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