

# Conflict Minerals

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At TJX, we are committed to complying with the rules and regulations impacting our business, including those under Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, intended to address violence and human rights abuses in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (the DRC) and adjoining countries. These rules require public companies to determine if they manufacture or contract to manufacture any products where “conflict minerals” - specifically tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold (or “3TG”) - are necessary to the functionality or production of the product, and if so, whether those minerals originated in the DRC or adjoining countries. Companies are required to do additional diligence about the source and chain of custody of those minerals that may have originated in the covered region to determine if they came from sources that benefited armed forces in the region.

We believe in the importance of responsible sourcing, including as demonstrated, for example, by the TJX Vendor Code of Conduct and our Global Social Compliance Program. TJX is many layers removed from the mining, smelting, or refining of any minerals contained in the products we sell, so we must rely on our vendors to collect current, complete, and reliable information to comply with the conflict minerals rules. We expect that our affected vendors will not knowingly supply us with products that include conflict minerals that directly or indirectly benefit armed groups in the DRC or adjoining countries, although we do not discourage responsible sourcing from that region. We further expect our vendors and buying agent(s) to comply with our requests to provide us with information and perform due diligence regarding their sourcing of the minerals at issue. Our practice is to consider appropriate remediation steps if we find that a vendor has violated our expectations.

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