



# DUE DILIGENCE **READY!**

Ensuring responsible minerals and metals supply chains

## **What is ‘The EU Regulation’?**

The full title of ‘The EU Regulation’ is ‘Regulation (EU) 2017/821 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017 laying down supply chain due diligence obligations for Union importers of tin, tantalum and tungsten, their ores, and gold originating from conflict-affected and high-risk areas’. It sets out due diligence requirements for EU importers of these metals and minerals.

## **What metals and minerals are covered by the EU Regulation?**

The EU Regulation applies to tin, tungsten, tantalum, and gold, and ores and minerals containing these metals.

## **Who is affected by the EU Regulation?**

The EU Regulation applies to importers of the aforementioned metals and minerals into the EU if their annual import volumes exceed the thresholds set out in Annex 1 of the EU Regulation. The EU Regulation also sets out the responsibilities for the Commission and the Member State Competent Authorities in implementing the Regulation.

## **What are the requirements for EU importers?**

EU importers will be required to conduct due diligence on their supply chain of tin, tantalum, tungsten, and/or gold. The requirements of the EU regulation in this regard are consistent with the OECD Due Diligence Guidance.

## **When does the EU Regulation start to apply?**

While the Regulation is already in force, the rule for EU Importers (including SMEs) will start to apply as of 1 January 2021.

## **What can my business do to ensure responsible sourcing of metals and minerals?**

SMEs with tin, tungsten, tantalum, and/or gold in their supply chain can visit the following website to get guidance on whether they are required to comply with the EU Regulation. You can also find more tools to facilitate your work to source responsibly on <https://ec.europa.eu/due-diligence-ready>.

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