

## Precious metal supply chain

**LBMA** (London Bullion Market Association):

### **Directions on the responsible handling of silver**

**RMI** (Responsible Minerals Initiative):

Assurance process for the responsible sourcing of minerals –  
in this case: **standard for gold refiners**

The above-mentioned initiatives from the LBMA and the RMI are directions for the responsible handling of the precious metals silver and gold. The goal of the associated certification is, among other things, to take steps against systematic or widespread human rights violations and to avoid supporting conflicts in countries where ores containing precious metals are extracted. Both certifications are consistent with the high standards for avoiding money laundering and combatting the financing of terrorism.

In this context, the LBMA and RMI stipulate the setting up of confidential complaint mechanisms in the form of an early warning system.

Precious metal processors (in this case of silver and gold) are required to set up a complaint system for employees and external stakeholders, to enable concerns or misgivings relating to the existing silver and gold supply chains or newly identified risks to be reported.

Any interested person (an employee within the process or someone otherwise involved) can express concerns regarding the circumstances of the precious metal extraction, the handling of the business dealings with these precious metals and the trading of them. The report can also be made anonymously.

DODUCO is extending the complaint system to also cover the following precious metals:  
palladium, platinum und rhodium.

The complaints body for the DODUCO Group is the law firm BEITEN BURKHARDT

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Should you observe irregularities, do not hesitate to contact one of the addresses mentioned above.

Best regards



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