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New chapter of the Guideline for Ethically-Sustainable Investment in the German Protestant Church

Exclusion criteria² for companies – Supplements in blue

Excluded are due to the following **business divisions**:

- Companies involved in the development or manufacture of **armaments** (in terms of the appendix to the War Weapons Control Act) as well as companies involved in the development or manufacture of **banned weapons**, regardless of their turnover share
- Companies producing **liquors** (minimum alcohol content 15 percentage by volume)
- Companies manufacturing **tobacco** products
- Companies conducting controversial forms of **gambling**
- Companies manufacturing products that violate human dignity with **denigrating and degrading portrayals of persons**
- Companies producing **genetically modified crops**
- Companies producing **coal or oil from oil/bitumen sands, and oil shale** or provide significant reserves of these raw materials.

Excluded are due to **controversial business practices**:

- Companies, who **themselves or whose suppliers systematically violate human rights**, (in terms of United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights),
 - especially companies responsible for **removing** previous users in violation of the FPIC concept* from their **land**,
 - in particular companies manufacturing products that are produced in support or toleration of inhumane **labour conditions and child labour** (in terms of violating one of the fundamental ILO core labour standards)—including the supply chain.

Investors can stipulate further exclusion criteria, for instance, for companies **violating global norms (such as Global Compact)**, conducting unnecessary/non-statutory animal testing or embryonic stem cell research.

* Concept of Free Prior Informed Consent