European Deforestation Regulation – live 30 December 2026

What is EUDR?

EUDR stands for the EU Deforestation Regulation, or EU Regulation 2023/1115 on deforestation-free products. The Regulation contains demanding but essential rules to put an end to deforestation and forest degradation worldwide. The EUDR will be implemented in 2 phases:

- **Phase 1:** 30 December 2026 – mandatory application of the legislation by large and medium-sized operators and traders
- **Phase 2:** 30 June 2027 – mandatory application of the legislation by micro and small operators

The EUDR will apply to the placing on the European market and the export from Europe of (products made from) the following commodities

- Wood
- Rubber
- Cattle
- Soy
- Cocoa
- Coffee
- Oil palm

Background

The main aim of the new EUDR rules is to prevent deforestation and forest degradation. This helps reduce the EU's contribution to climate change and biodiversity loss worldwide.

The law also protects the livelihoods of millions of people, such as Indigenous Peoples and local communities that depend on forest ecosystems. Companies must demonstrate that their products respect these people's rights.

Finally, European consumers can be confident that the products they buy do not contribute to the disappearance or damage of forests, especially irreplaceable tropical forests.

What happens on 30 december 2026 and 30 june 2027?

- (Primary) operators must carry out a due diligence procedure and submit a due diligence statement for the relevant products they want to place on the European market or export outside the EU.

- The due diligence procedure consists of three stages:
  1. Collecting and keeping information demonstrating that the products are compliant
  2. Analysing the risk of non-compliance in the supply chain based on the information obtained in stage 1.
  3. Taking measures to reduce the risk.

- Simplifications are provided for certain categories of operators and traders and for goods originating from low-risk countries.

What happens if you don't comply with the rules?

- Fines
- Confiscation of products or revenues
- Exclusion from public procurement procedures and government funding
- A negative impact on your company brand and ESG strategy
- Potential loss of customers, who may buy goods from your competitors instead

European risk classification of producing countries

The European Commission has ranked the countries concerned according to the risk level of deforestation and forest degradation in the production of commodities. Countries are given a risk classification of High, Standard or Low.

For low-risk countries, the simplified procedure can be applied.

How we can help you with the EUDR

EUDR risk analysis

This allows a company to determine whether it is subject to the EU's EUDR rules.

Based on this analysis, we can determine:

- to what extent your goods fall under the EUDR
- what your role is under the EUDR for each transaction
- what your obligations are for each role
- which data you need to collect and report

EUDR training

We can give your staff practical, sector-specific training on:

- what the EUDR is and how it works
- how to determine whether goods fall under the EUDR
- how to determine which EUDR role and which obligations apply
- the data your customs agent needs
- how to draw up and submit a due diligence statement

The training can take place online or at your premises, depending on your needs.

EUDR compliance assistance

BDO can assist you in fulfilling a number of EUDR obligations:

- drawing up a matrix of the possible roles and specific obligations
- drawing up a questionnaire to collect the necessary information in accordance with Article 9 EUDR
- drawing up procedures for risk assessment and mitigation measures
- assistance with gaining access to the Information System and submitting due diligence statements

In addition, you can of course also contact us for ad hoc advice and assistance on the EUDR.

For more information, please contact us for an initial consultation with no obligation.

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