

European Deforestation Regulation – live 30 December 2025

What is EUDR?

EUDR refers to the EU Deforestation Regulation, namely EU Regulation 2023/1115 on deforestation-free products. The Regulation contains demanding but essential rules to end deforestation and forest degradation worldwide. The EUDR will be implemented in two phases:

- ▶ Phase 1: 30 December 2025 - mandatory application of legislation for large and medium-sized enterprises
- ▶ Phase 2: 30 June 2026 - mandatory application of legislation for small and micro enterprises



The EUDR will apply to the marketing in Europe and export from Europe of (products made from) the following raw materials:

- ▶ Wood
- ▶ Rubber
- ▶ Cattle
- ▶ Soya
- ▶ Cocoa
- ▶ Coffee
- ▶ Oil palm

Background

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

The law also protects the livelihoods of millions of people, such as indigenous peoples and local communities that depend on forest ecosystems.

Companies have to demonstrate that their products respect the rights of these people.

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

What happens on 30 December 2025 and 30 June 2026?

- ▶ Operators and traders must carry out a due diligence procedure and submit a due diligence declaration for the relevant products they wish to place on the European market or export outside the EU.
- ▶ The due diligence procedure consists of three stages:
 1. Collecting and preserving information proving that the products comply.
 2. Analysing the risk of non-compliance in the supply chain based on the information obtained in phase 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 the rules are not followed?

- ▶ Fines
- ▶ Confiscation of products or revenues
- ▶ Exclusion from public procurement and government funding
- ▶ A negative impact on your corporate brand and ESG strategy
- ▶ Potential loss of clients who might buy goods from your competitors

European risk classification of producing countries



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

How we can help you with EUDR

EUDR risk analysis

This enables a company to determine whether it is subject to the EUDR.

We organise a half-day workshop at your company to determine:

- ▶ the extent to which your goods fall under the EUDR.
- ▶ your reporting requirements as an operator or trader.
- ▶ which data you need to collect and report.

Indicative cost:

- 2,750.00 EUR (excl. VAT, an administrative charge of 2.75% and possible travel expenses)

EUDR training

This enables companies to inform their staff about the EUDR.

We can provide your staff with sector-specific practical training on:

- ▶ what the EUDR is and how it works.
- ▶ how to determine whether goods fall under the EUDR.
- ▶ required reporting data for your sector.
- ▶ how to prepare and submit a due diligence statement.

The training can be given online or on-site, depending on your needs.

Indicative cost:

- 3,500.00 EUR (excl. VAT, an administrative charge of 2.75% and possible travel expenses)

EUDR compliance assistance

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

- ▶ Preparing a questionnaire to collect the necessary information in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the EUDR.
- ▶ Assessing questionnaires completed by suppliers.
- ▶ Assisting in obtaining access to the European Commission's Information System and submitting due diligence statements.

Indicative cost:

- ▶ Price on request, depending on:
 - type and number of goods involved
 - number of suppliers involved
 - etc.

You can also contact us for ad hoc advice and assistance with regard to the EUDR.

Such assistance is usually provided based on the actual time spent, at our applicable hourly rates.

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



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