



Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 on commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation EUDR

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EU Deforestation Regulation - Context

- **420 million hectares** of forest worldwide – **an area larger than the EU** – have been lost between 1990 and 2020 (FAO).
- A **significant share of that forest loss is legal** (Forest Trends.)
- Deforestation and forest degradation are important drivers of **climate change** (IPCC: 11% of GHG emissions) **and biodiversity loss**
- 90% of deforestation is provoked by the **expansion of agricultural land** (FAO), which is linked in particular to a series of commodities.
- The **EU is a major consumer of commodities** associated with deforestation and forest degradation.

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Timeline

- Provisional **agreement** of the co-legislator: 6 December 2023
- Published in the **Official Journal of the EU**: 9 June 2023
- Entered into **force** on 29 June 2023
- Entry into **application**: 30 December 2024
- Entry into application for small and micro-undertakings: 30 June 2025

Main elements [1]

- **Mandatory due diligence** rules for all operators that place the relevant products on the EU market or export them from the EU
 - Only products that are both **deforestation-free and legal** would be allowed on or exported from the EU market – need to be covered by **a due diligence statement**
 - Based on **internationally-backed definitions** (FAO)
 - Main obligations applicable to **operators and non-SME traders**
 - **Strict traceability** linking the commodity to the plot of land where it was produced
 - **Legality**: Products will need to be legal according to the laws of country of production, including applicable human and labour rights and free, prior and informed consent

Main elements [2]

- **Commodities selected:** Palm oil, soy, wood, cattle, cocoa, coffee, rubber and some derived products (e.g. chocolate, furniture, tyres, printed products)
- **Non-discrimination:** The Regulation applies both to domestically produced and imported commodities and derived products
- **Progressive scope** - Initially covering selected commodities and derived products; to be updated regularly
- **‘Cut-off date’ of 31 December 2020:** Aligned with UNSDG 15.2, aims to minimise disruption for smallholders and facilitate satellite monitoring

Main elements [3]

- **Benchmarking system** that will assign risk to countries or regions according to risk of deforestation – standard (by default), low and high
- **Specific obligations for operators** – simplified due diligence for low-risk (still required to collect information, but not assess and mitigate risks)
- **Minimum level of inspections** for Member States authorities to perform (9%, 3% and 1%, depending on the level of risk)
- **Review:** Other wooded land (one year); other ecosystems, commodities, products and financial institutions (two years); others (five years)

Deforestation free

Deforestation: Conversion of forests for agricultural use, whether human-induced or not.

Forest degradation = structural changes to forest cover, taking the form of the conversion of:

- a) primary forests or naturally regenerating forests -> plantation forests or into other wooded land; or
- b) primary forests -> planted forests;

Deforestation-free:

(A) has not been subject to deforestation after 31 December 2020.

(B) The wood has been harvested from the forest without inducing forest degradation after 31 December 2020

Focus on Implementation

Clarifying operational questions via the Frequently Asked Questions

Work on Guidance Document on technical legal matters

Setting up of the IT System

Strengthening support tools to Producer Countries

Other strands: deforestation observatory, risk benchmarking etc.

Frequently Asked Questions

Key aspects of
implementation
for
operators/traders
and for competent
authorities

- First published in June 2023
- Latest update in Dec 2023
- Over 80 Q/A

Guidance Document

- In the pipeline: aiming to publish in Summer
- Selected thematic areas, such as:

Definition of
agricultural
use

Legality

Composite
products

Certification

Due
diligence

Information System



Pilot testing, over 100 companies participated (December 2023 –January 2024)



Summer: more information to come



Autumn: Dedicated trainings



Beginning of November: Opening user registration for the system



Beginning of December: Opening system for submitting Due Diligence Statements



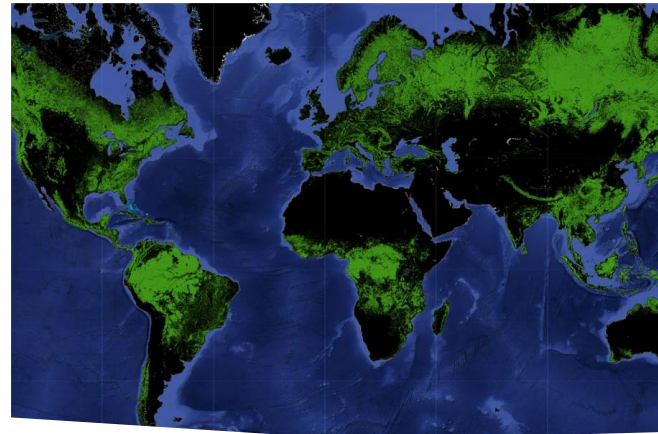
Interconnection with other systems via Application Programming Interface

EU Observatory on Deforestation

developed by JRC, to provide a.o. reference maps on global forest cover

presented in Dec 2023, and currently publicly accessible online

Third countries to provide comments and feedback



Cooperation with third countries



Cooperation with both producing and consumer countries

→ Engagement with other major consumer countries such as China and the USA



Political dialogue, public diplomacy and technical assistance

→ Active outreach to stakeholders through Commission, EU Delegations, EU Member States; dedicated outreach project starting to enhance understanding in Southeast Asia and Latin America of the EU Regulation

→ Enhanced cooperation to address potential challenges in producer countries

→ Regular briefings in multilateral fora (WTO, FAO etc.)



The role of the Deforestation Multi-stakeholders Platform

→ All interested producer and consumer countries invited, all key sectorial associations and civil society organisations represented

→ Work on implementation; specific focus: traceability and smallholders; sharing of best practices, cooperation initiatives

Trade with Türkiye

Quantity of EU27 imports of all focal commodities	Commodities quantity (% of all focal commodities imported from the country)	Commodities value (million EUR)
1 261 million kg	Timber (70.4%); Rubber (26.9%); Cocoa (1.1%); Palm oil (0.8%); Beef (0.5%); Soy (0.3%); Coffee (<0.1%)	Timber (1 764); Rubber (1 466); Beef (61); Cocoa (53); Palm oil (16); Coffee (3); Soy (3)

Thank you!

Learn more here:

https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/forests/deforestation/regulation-deforestation-free-products_en

https://green-business.ec.europa.eu/deforestation-regulation-implementation_en



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