

## **REGULATION ON DEFORESTATION-FREE PRODUCTS (EUDR)**

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### **1. OVERVIEW AND SCOPE**

- Official name of the legislation: **Regulation (EU) 2025/2650 amending (EU) 2023/1115 on Deforestation-free products (EUDR).**
- Type: **Regulation** (a "regulation" is a binding legislative act. It must be applied in its entirety across the EU).

Products associated with deforestation and forest degradation may not be placed on the EU market or exported.

**Changes:** The amendment postpones and simplifies the application of the EU Deforestation Framework.

### **2. WHAT DOES IT APPLY TO?**

The Regulation will mainly apply to large and medium-sized undertakings across the EU, and to a lesser extent to small and micro entities.

**Changes:** Introduction of the category of primary micro or small operators, defined in the newly inserted Article 2(15a) of the EUDR. For this group, a strongly simplified regime applies:

- no full due diligence statement per product;
- only a one-off simplified declaration in the information system;
- allocation of a declaration identification number;
- the possibility to replace geolocation data with a postal address;
- an exemption where equivalent data are already available in existing systems.

### **3. HOW IS THE EVENTS INDUSTRY DIRECTLY AFFECTED?**

The Events Industry will be directly affected by the regulation, since it may affect the participation of importing companies in trade fairs.

### **4. MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LEGISLATION**

The purpose of the Regulation is to make EU supply chains deforestation-free by removing "relevant products" from the market that contain, have been fed with, or been made using, "relevant commodities" associated with deforestation and forest degradation.

The Regulation targets seven "relevant commodities": cattle, cocoa, coffee, oil palm, rubber, soya and wood. Annex I to the Regulation contains a list of products designated as "relevant products". Before these

products may be placed on the EU market, or exported from the EU, businesses will be required to ensure they:

- are deforestation-free
- have been produced in accordance with national law (in the country of origin)
- are covered by a due diligence statement (a DDS)

**Changes:** Certain printed products (Chapter 49 of the Combined Nomenclature) have been removed from the scope. This concerns products of the publishing industry, the press or other graphic industries, manuscripts, typescripts and plans, of paper, including books, newspapers and other printed paper products.

**Changes:** Only the first downstream operator (or first downstream trader) is required to:

- collect and retain the reference numbers of due diligence statements, or
- collect and retain the declaration identification numbers of simplified declarations.

Downstream actors further along the supply chain are exempt from this obligation. They do not have to collect reference numbers and do not have to submit a due diligence statement. This prevents a cumulative build-up of administrative burdens.

Non-SME downstream operators and non-SME traders are, however, required to register in the central EUDR information system.

## 5. STATE OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

- Date of signature: 23/12/2025
- Date entry into force for large and medium-sized operators and traders: 30/12/2026
- Date entry into force for all companies in-scope: 30/06/2027

## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS/REMARK

Penalties for infringing the EUDR are established by the Member States and may include confiscation of products, confiscation of the gained revenues, temporary exclusion from public procurement processes, prohibition from exercising the simplified due diligence regime, and in cases of serious infringements even temporary exclusion from the EU market in regard to the targeted products, and fines of up to 4% of total EU-wide turnover in the previous financial year for legal persons. Penalties can be avoided if operators / traders take corrective actions: for example, immediately withdrawing or donating to a charity the relevant product, as established by the national competent authorities.

## 7. LINKS

Regulation text: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/2650/oj/eng>