

THE EUDR & FSC

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**FORESTS
FOR ALL
FOREVER™**

An aerial photograph of a dense, lush green forest. The trees are tightly packed, creating a textured canopy of various shades of green. In the upper center, a small, irregularly shaped pond or clearing is visible, reflecting the sky. The overall scene is vibrant and natural.

WHAT IS THE FOREST STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL?

FSC standards protect forests.

FSC forests meet the most rigorous and trusted standards for sustainable forestry.

- ✓ **Preventing deforestation and degradation**
- ✓ **Fighting the climate and biodiversity crises**
- ✓ **Protecting rare and endangered species**
- ✓ **Upholding the rights of Indigenous Peoples**
- ✓ **Ensuring fair wages and safe working conditions**

Fundamentally balanced

33.3
%

Social



**Local People &
Society at Large**

33.3
%

Environmental



**Biodiversity
& Ecological Protection**

33.3
%

Economic



**Responsible &
Economically Viable**



FSC is a **ready-made solution, a bridge between aspiration and action.**

Every FSC-certified product helps support sustainable forestry.



Everything on this page is FSC-certified

An aerial photograph of a dense, green forest. A river or stream flows through the lower left portion of the image, its surface reflecting light. The forest is composed of many tall, thin trees, creating a textured canopy. The overall tone is dark and naturalistic.

EUROPEAN UNION DEFORESTATION REGULATION ON DEFORESTATION-FREE PRODUCTS (EUDR)

Deforestation & forest degradation are among the biggest threats facing forests worldwide.

- 420 million hectares of forests worldwide – an area larger than the EU – have been lost between 1990 and 2020 (FAO).
- Deforestation and forest degradation are important drivers of climate change and biodiversity loss.
- 90% of deforestation is provoked by the expansion of agricultural land (FAO)



What is the EUDR?

The European Union Deforestation-free Regulation (EUDR) is the new EU initiative to limit deforestation and degradation caused by forestry and agricultural activities all over the world.

How is Deforestation & degradation defined?

Deforestation: the conversion of forest to 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 into plantation forests or into other wooded land; or
- b. primary forests into planted forests;

Source: Article 2, Definitions, EUDR



Key elements of EUDR for businesses

The EUDR requires that wood products need to be **deforestation-free**, **degradation-free** and **legal**.

Before placing any product on the EU market or exporting from the EU, companies must produce a due diligence statement.

For companies, this means wood products must:

1. Not come from land that has experienced deforestation and forest degradation after 31 December 2020;
2. Be produced in accordance with relevant legislation of the country of production;
3. Be accompanied by a due diligence statement.



Due diligence – Product information



Companies must provide the following information:

- Description of product (trade name/scientific name)
- Quantity
- Country of production/harvest
- Geolocation of all plots of land where the commodity was produced
- Date or time range of production
- Supplier name
- Verified evidence that the product is 'deforestation free'
- Verifiable evidence that product is produced in compliance with relevant legislation

Source: Article 9, EUDR



Due diligence – Risk assessment

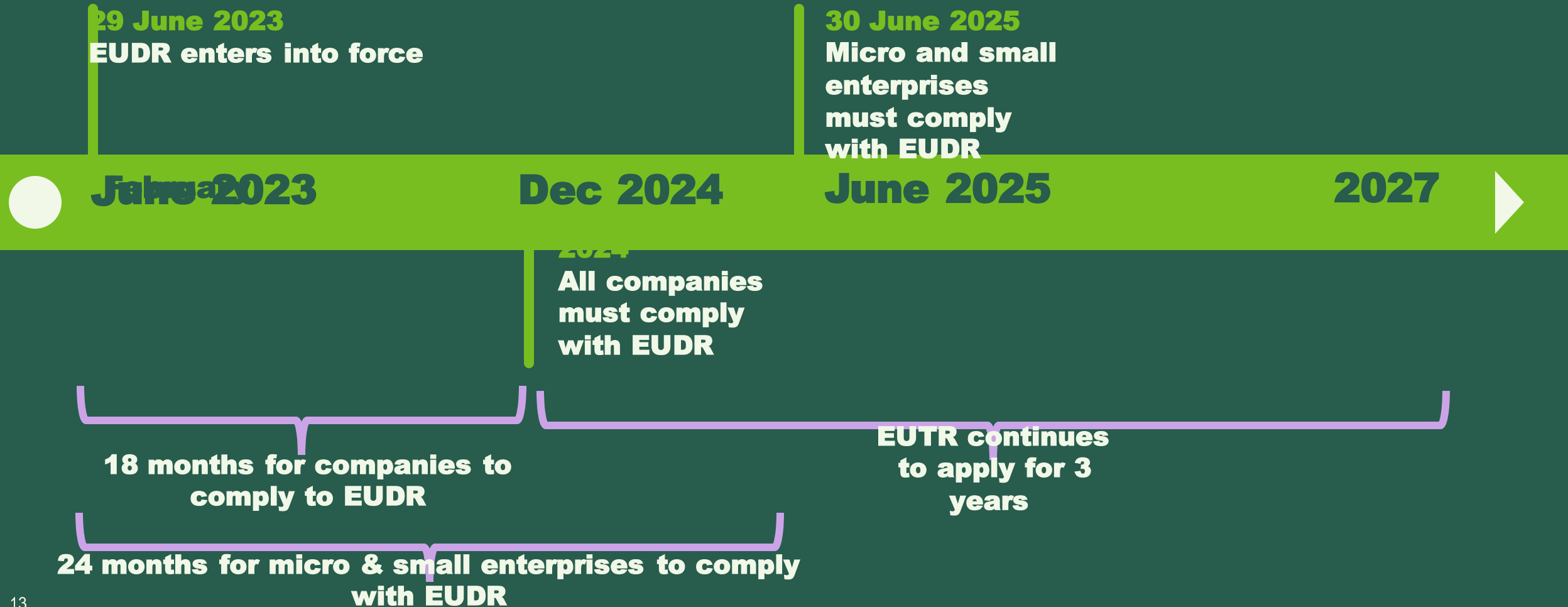
Companies must consider 14 criteria when making their risk assessment on the country of production, here are a few summarized:

1. EU country risk assignment/assessment
2. The presence of forests
3. The presence of Indigenous Peoples
4. Consultation and cooperation in good faith with Indigenous Peoples
5. Existence of duly reasoned claims by Indigenous Peoples
6. Prevalence of deforestation or forest degradation
7. Concerns in relation to country of production such as level of corruption
8. Complexity of the relevant supply chain and the stage of processing of the relevant products

Source: Article 10, EUDR



EUDR & EUTR Timeline



An aerial photograph of a vast, dense evergreen forest. The trees are a deep green color, and the canopy is thick. In the lower-left portion of the image, a thick layer of white mist or smoke rises from the forest floor, partially obscuring the trees below. The overall scene is serene and natural.

FSC'S RESPONSE TO THE EUDR

FSC is working constructively with EU policy makers

FSC is an active member of the EU Commission EUTR/EUDR multi-stakeholder platform

FSC has engaged with the EU Commission, EU Parliament, Council of the EU and supported the EUDR since its inception



EU action and voluntary sustainability standards: better together

ISEAL, the Rainforest Alliance, the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Fairtrade International and the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) are working together to:

- support the EU's understanding on how to work with standards systems and certification in order to maximize their value as sustainable development tools;
- provide expertise and data on standards systems and their supportive and complementary role vis-à-vis EU policies for effective, smart-mix approaches; and
- clarify the role of standards systems and certification in EU and national policy frameworks.



Advocating for a smart mix of measures to address imported deforestation

FSC along with the Tropical Forest Alliance and a group of more than 50 organizations, jointly endorsed a position paper calling on the EU to adopt a smart mix of measures to address imported deforestation.

The paper calls for mutually reinforcing interventions for the European Commission to consider as the body proposes legislation to protect and restore the world's forests.



Collaborating for a strong EU regulation against deforestation



**FSC has been part of the
#Together4Forests
campaign led by WWF EU
advocating for a strong
EU law
curbing deforestation**

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A close-up photograph of a pine branch, showing dense green needles and several small, developing brown cones. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the needles. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**IS FSC COMPATIBLE WITH
EUDR?**



FSC certification is strongly aligned with the EUDR and can be used to meet EUDR requirements

FSC is already a robust tool to assess and mitigate risk within due diligence.

- Our system has strong social protection especially for Indigenous Peoples,
- Our standard prevents deforestation and degradation, and
- We have strategic partnerships and investments in new technologies supporting geolocation.

FSC has 30 years experience fighting illegal logging, deforestation & degradation

FSC sets the bar globally for responsible forest management. FSC's rigorous forest management standards, coupled with three decades of experience fighting illegal logging, exist to protect forests' vital functions and safeguard them from deforestation. FSC's work prevents deforestation and deterioration of forest health and resilience in the long term.

Read our full statement on

[Deforestation and degradation here](#)



Harnessing cutting-edge technology to tackle EUDR geolocation & traceability requirements

Geo-location



We are in the process of capturing boundary data on all our certified forests.

Earth Observation



We're using satellite technology to help auditors monitor forest health and proactively detect threats.






Blockchain



We're leveraging the power of blockchain to revolutionize materials traceability and trade compliance in complex supply chains.

FSC can help companies meet EUDR requirements



Descriptions	Alignment	Activity
1 Deforestation & degradation definitions		The definitions used by FSC are aligned with EUDR definitions.
2 Legality requirements		FSC's standards require certificate holders to meet all applicable legal obligations.
3 Social requirements		FSC already embeds strong social requirements protecting workers' rights, local communities, Indigenous Peoples' rights.
4 No degradation		FSC Forest Management certification prevents degradation.
5 No deforestation		FSC's conversion policy is aligned with EUDR no deforestation requirements. FSC is currently reviewing how the 5% exception rule is aligned with this requirement.

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6	Geolocation		Many FSC-certified forests are already providing geospatial data on FSC-certified forest areas. FSC is working on introducing relevant rules and technology to support collection of geospatial boundary coordinates of all FSC-certified forests.
7	Traceability		Solution imminent: FSC is developing FSC Blockchain as a means to transmit product origin data along the supply chain.

What is FSC doing over the next year?



Q2-2023

Q3-2023

Q4-2023

Q1-2024

Q2-2024

Understanding implications & expectations
for the FSC system
(Normative, Infrastructural & Assurance/ Accreditation)

High level
Action plan

Implementation of action plan - existing processes where possible
Testing ideas, solutions through pilot projects

Aligning FSC to relevant EU and global sustainability regulatory
initiatives

Ongoing

Communications

Membership and stakeholder
engagement

Partnership building

10 ways FSC can support the implementation of the EUDR



**Standards that
prevent
deforestation and
degradation**



**FSC
requirements
cover both
legality &
sustainability**



**Strong social
protections**



**Robust system
providing
assurance &
integrity**



**New
technologies
supporting
geolocation**



**10+ years
experience with
EUTR and due
diligence**



**A tool to help
assess &
mitigate risks
within due
diligence**



**Expertise with
supply side
measures -
partnerships with
producing
countries**



**A systemic
approach
against illegal
logging for 30+
years**



**A unique multi-
stakeholder
approach**

FSC certification can help companies meet EUDR requirements

1. Provide assurance of relevant deforestation and legality requirements
2. Support traceability through supply chain management
3. Use certification information in the risk assessment process
4. Use certification as a risk mitigation measure
5. Provide a frame to work beyond regulatory requirements



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