

EUDR 2026: how should businesses prepare following the turbulence of 2025?

Implementation expectations and operational readiness for the timber sector


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Facilitates discussions and ensures constructive dialogue between the parties.

EUDR 2026 in a nutshell



What Remains Unchanged (90% of the Regulation)

Since 2023, to place a timber product on the European market, it must be demonstrated that it is:



Deforestation-Free
(and free from forest degradation for timber)



Legal
in accordance with the legislation of the country of production



Tracability
back to its origin (geolocation)



Due Diligence
and Due Diligence Statement (DDS)



Key Message:

The fundamental objectives of the EUDR have not changed. The simplification mainly concerns responsibilities within the European supply chain.

What has changed since 2025



December 2025: legislative simplification

- ✓ Creation of the downstream operator
- ✓ Creation of the category micro and small primary operator
- ✓ Concentration of due diligence and the DDS on the first placer on the EU market
- ✓ Significant reduction of obligations for downstream actors



New implementation dates



30 December 2026:
medium and large companies



30 June 2027 :
micro and small companies



Objective: stabilise the EU information system



Key message: The first EU importer becomes the key player in the system.



May 2026 – European Commission package



The Commission has not reopened the Regulation.

It has published:



a revised **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**;



a revised **Guidance Document**;



a **simplification report**;



a **draft delegated act** on the product scope.



Main clarifications



Proportionate legality analysis
proportional to the level of risk.



Clarifications on downstream operators' obligations.



Better recognition of certifications.



Future registry of certification systems.



Future registry of applicable national legislation.

What this means for tropical timber



For suppliers located in producing countries:

→ Almost nothing changes.

The expected information remains the same:



origin of the timber;



geolocation;



legality;



deforestation-free;



traceability.



For European importers:

→ They remain legally responsible.

They will have to:



carry out due diligence;



submit the DDS;



demonstrate negligible risk;



keep the evidence.





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**Timber Trade Portal:
a due diligence support tool**

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A PRACTICAL TOOL FOR RESPONSIBLE DUE DILIGENCE



All the essential information to understand the risks and verify the legality of your timber supplies.

The Timber Trade Portal helps companies carry out responsible due diligence by providing reliable, up-to-date and country-structured information.



COUNTRY INFORMATION



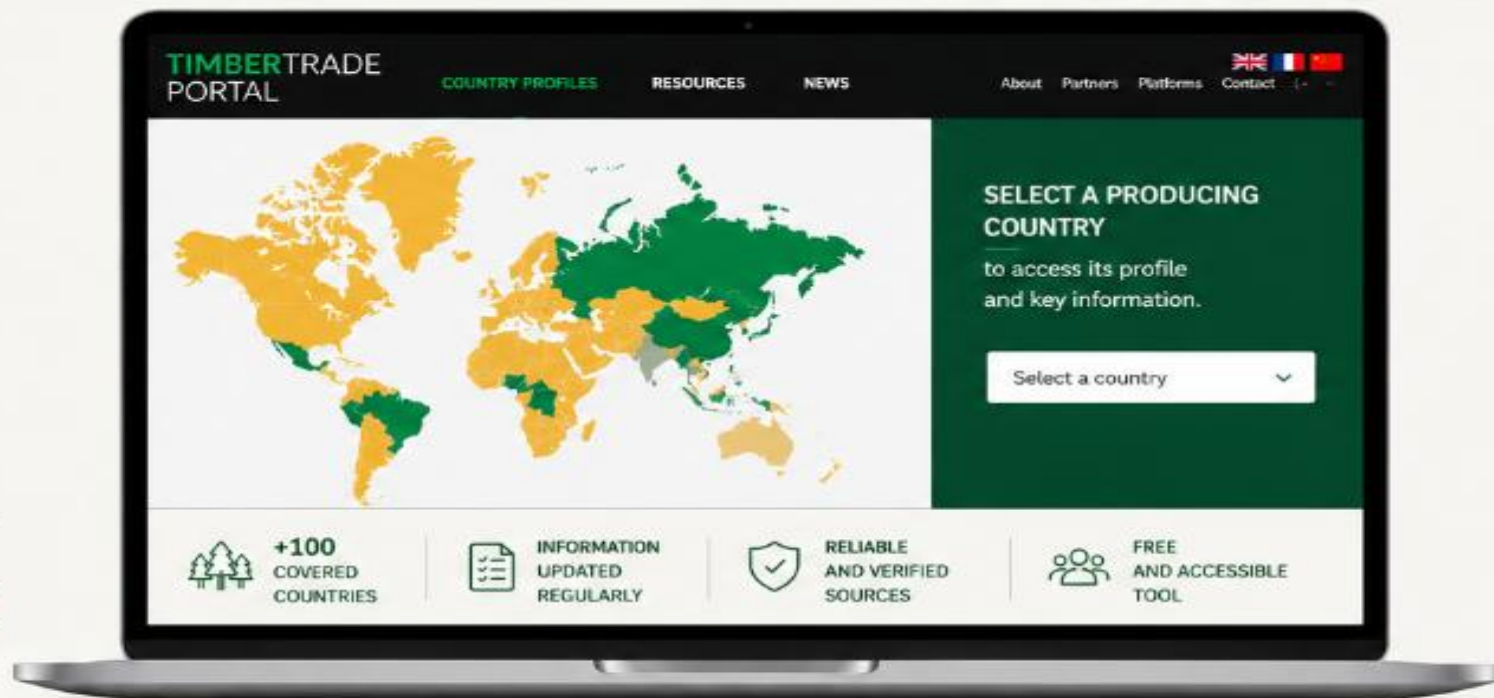
LEGAL FRAMEWORK



KEY DOCUMENTS



RESOURCES & CONTACTS



PORTAL UPDATE SCHEDULE

October 2026

A CLEAR PROCESS FOR YOUR DUE DILIGENCE



1. CHOOSE A COUNTRY
Access the profile of the country of harvest.



2. UNDERSTAND THE RISKS
Assess the risks of deforestation, degradation and illegality.



3. IDENTIFY THE DOCUMENTS
Find the key documents to check.



4. CONDUCT THE ANALYSIS
Document and justify your risk assessment.



5. MAKE A DECISION
Reduce and manage identified risks.

PRIORITY COUNTRIES



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DR Congo



Congo



Cameroon



Central African Republic



Equatorial Guinea



China

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How can importing companies implement effective and compliant due diligence under the EUDR?



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His role in the supply chain



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Implementation of the EUDR: feedback from an importer.
Concrete challenges, good practices, and points of vigilance.



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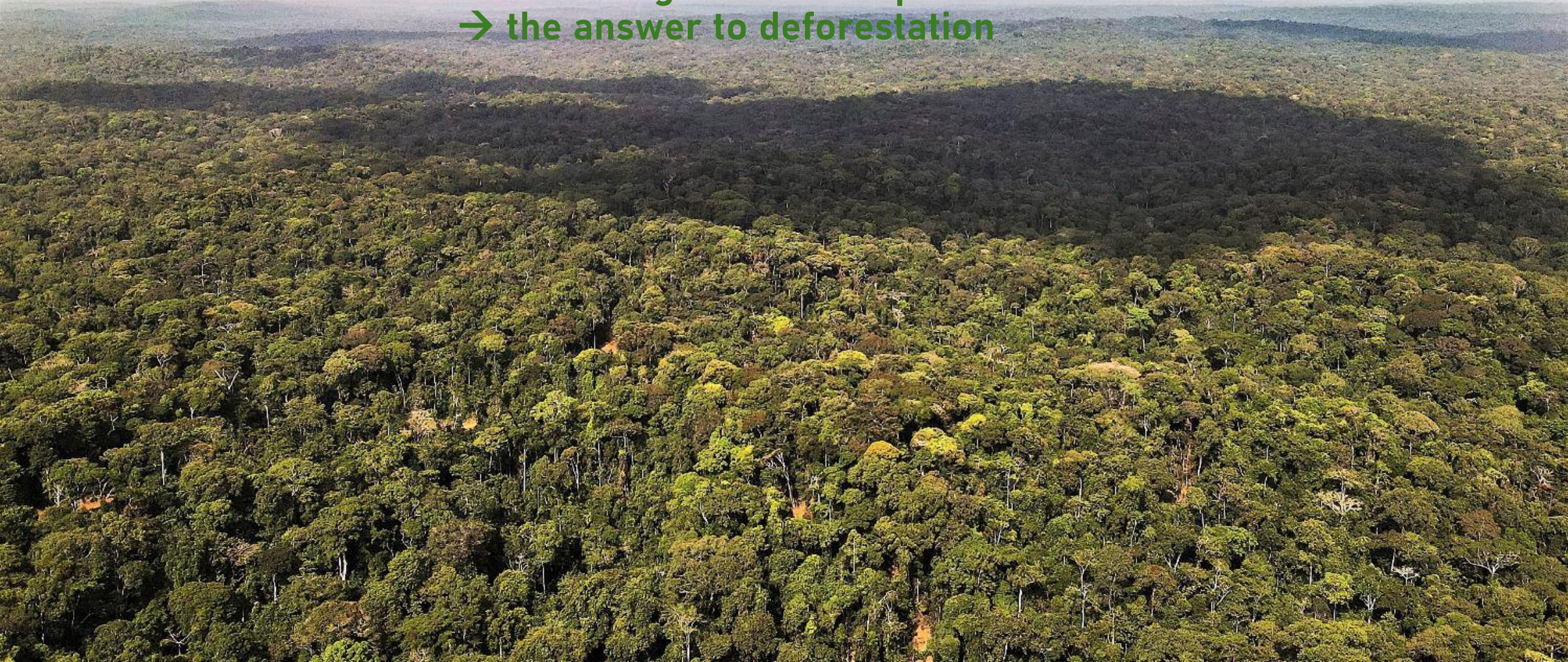


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How can producers prepare for the EUDR?
Practical advice and operational solutions.

Here is a certified and managed tropical forest!

**Sustainable management of tropical forests
→ the answer to deforestation**





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Experience of the Netherlands: authorities organised for EUDR and its implementation.

EUDR dry runs: Summary of results



Statement of Due diligence

- 12 out of 20 had submitted a due diligence statement in TRACES

Article 9 – Information

- 7/20 had gathered sufficient information
- 9 out of 20 had a list of relevant legislation

Art. 10 – Risk assessment

- 14/20 had assessed the risks
- 3 out of 14 had carried out a sufficient assessment
- 9 out of 20 had assessed the risks associated with deforestation

Article 11 – Risk mitigation

- 5/20 had mitigated the identified risks in a satisfactory manner

Art 12 – Due Diligence System

- 11 out of 20 had a due diligence system
- 4 out of 20 were compliant
- 4 out of 20 would be compliant with a few adjustments

The six key points:

1
Due diligence is much more than just gathering documents

2
Simply using due diligence platforms is not enough

3
The type of due diligence system put in place is crucial to its quality

4
Pay close attention to the details of the due diligence system

5
A clear link is important between the documents collected and the goods imported

6
Using certification is not the same as applying due diligence

Using certification? Are there any options?

- The NVWA (NCA-NL) is exploring the possibility of using certification in its supervision.
- Benefits for businesses may include a reduction in the effort required to gather information.
- For an NCA, the use of certification in supervision reduces the time required for inspections.



Under what conditions?

- Strengthening without duplication
- Better safeguarding of the public interest
- Risk-based supervision
- Promotion of self-regulation
- Information sharing
- Voluntary but with commitment

Ongoing process based on mutual trust



Criteria for accepting systems

What we look for in a system:

Independent and Impartial

Must monitor compliance with laws and regulations

Can demonstrate members' compliance

Has a transparent and effective system of sanctions

Carries out announced and unannounced checks/audits

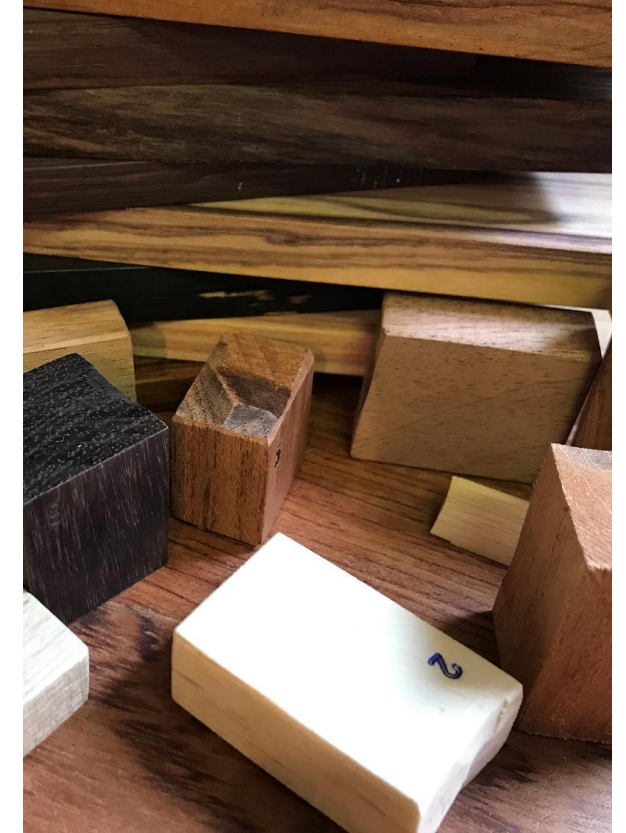
Develops criteria for and monitors the performance of certifiers

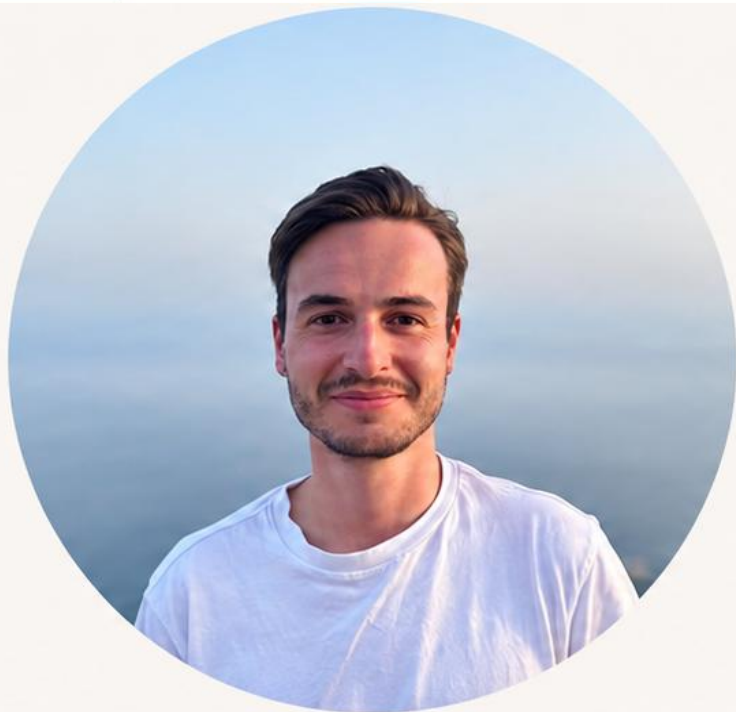
Has control over the operation of the system and its continuous improvement

Shares information and is transparent

Current situation

- Two systems have been accepted for governance. (FSC and RSPO)
- The next step is to determine how we will use these schemes.
- N.B.: Under no circumstances will certification replace our own checks. Operators can therefore still be subject to checks.





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Expectations of competent authorities and EUDR
implementation: keys to anticipate and succeed in compliance

Preparations for the implementation of the EUDR in France

- Two competent authorities designated: MAASA and MTE
- European work
- National work: administration and stakeholders (professional sectors and NGOs)
- Review in June 2030 and every 5 years thereafter

Preparations for the implementation of the EUDR in France

- Legislative adaptation into French law (DDADUE): currently under review
- Organisation of future EUDR compliance checks by product
- Discussion group: news and inspections
- Dry run inspections

Thank you for your
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