

# EU Deforestation Regulation: Engagement with non-EU countries

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[Communication](#) from the Commission on the Strategic Framework for International Cooperation Engagement in the context of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 on the making available on the Union market and the export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation [download]

[Annex](#) to Communication Strategic Framework for International Cooperation Engagement on Deforestation [download]

## What is changing and why?

The European Commission has published a Communication on engagement with non-EU countries in relation to halting deforestation and successfully implementing the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). The Communication explains the process the Commission will use to classify countries as low, standard, or high risk. The significance of classification is that EU companies importing the products covered by the EUDR from a low-risk country will not have to undertake the full risk assessment required under due diligence. Controls by EU Member State authorities will also be less frequent for commodities/products from a low-risk origin. The Communication also provides an overview of ongoing initiatives that the EU has established to support exporting countries in preparing for the implementation of the EUDR and sustainable deforestation-free production.

## Timeline

The Strategic Engagement Framework provides a basis for ongoing cooperation with partners and stakeholders through outreach, dialogue, and dedicated support measures.

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