EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR): clarifications of commodities and products

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Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2026/2102 amending Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 as regards the list of relevant commodities and relevant products

Commission Notice: Guidance Document for Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 on Deforestation-Free Products

Frequently Asked Questions: Implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation Version 5 – April 2026

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has clarified which products must follow the rules of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR).

The new Regulation 2026/2102 adds some products that were not included before, including soluble coffee and frozen cattle tongues. It also clarifies that where an agri-food product can be made either from the commodities covered by the EUDR (such as palm oil), or from raw materials that are not covered by the EUDR, only those products made from cattle, cocoa, coffee, palm oil, or soyabeans must follow EUDR rules. Some items will be clearly excluded from the rules, including soyabeans used for sowing, wood packaging used for transport, marketing materials and correspondence accompanying products, and product samples sent to the EU for quality testing.

The European Commission has also published updated Guidance and revised Frequently Asked Questions to explain the EUDR simplifications introduced in 2025 (see Review of EU Deforestation Regulation: simplification). These include the definitions of “downstream operators” and “micro- or small primary operators” and their obligations (sections 2 and 4 of the Guidance), and clarifications on legality (section 6). For more details, see the full report.

The EUDR requires affected commodities and products to be produced according to the relevant laws of the country of production. The updated Guidance (section 6) clarifies that the relevant legislation in this case consists only of laws applicable in the area of production and not the entire supply chain.

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Actions

The new Regulation clarifies which products fall under the scope of the EUDR rules, but does not change the basic requirements of that Regulation. Suppliers must provide importers with geolocation data for the plots of land where commodities are produced, and information demonstrating that commodities were produced in line with relevant national laws. They must also ensure that this data and information can be passed through the supply chain.

Timeline

For large EU operators, the EUDR due diligence obligations will apply from 30 December 2026. For EU operators that are micro- and small enterprises, the due diligence obligations will apply from 30 June 2027.

For the new categories of products now included in the EUDR (Annex I), EUDR requirements apply from **30 December 2027**. The Regulation setting out these changes applies from 18 September 2026.

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