

# EU Deforestation Regulation: publications and resources

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Publications and resources relevant to application of the EU Deforestation Regulation

[Hub for Deforestation-free Value Chains](#)

[Deforestation Regulation implementation](#): guidelines

[Frequently Asked Questions: Implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation](#) [download]

## Update

Research into the application of the new EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) [2023/1115](#) provides insights into the associated opportunities and challenges for a number of countries and sectors. This overview provides links to publications, webinars, and podcasts that report on the implications of the EUDR, and on some of the compliance strategies under development. This list will be updated regularly as new information becomes available.

## What is changing?

The expansion of agricultural land to produce certain commodities is one of the main drivers of deforestation and forest degradation. The European Union aims to ensure that it does not contribute to deforestation, both in the EU and in non-EU countries, by introducing new rules on imports of products that are known to be important causes of deforestation worldwide. These rules target cattle, cocoa, coffee, palm oil, rubber, soya, and wood, and also related products such as chocolate, soybean oil, and cattle meat.

EU companies may only trade and sell these products if they are:

- “deforestation-free”: products must be produced on land where no deforestation has occurred after 31 December 2020, and
- “legal”: products must be produced in accordance with the laws of the country they come from, including laws on environmental protection and labour rights.

The EUDR requires significant adaptations to be made by the supply chains affected, and there is still some uncertainty about the measures they can and should put in place. In recognition of this, stakeholder consultations and studies have been carried out in diverse countries and value

chains to better understand the potential implications of the new rules, and the strategies that are being developed to comply.

This summary aims to help interested parties track and access these resources as they become available, and to facilitate access to official sources of information.

## EU information and support

In December 2023, the EU and Member States launched a [Team Europe Initiative on Deforestation-free Value Chains](#) to support non-EU countries in implementing the regulation. This includes the Sustainable Agriculture for Forest Ecosystems ([SAFE](#)) project, and a new Technical Assistance Facility.

- SAFE is co-financed by the European Commission and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The project aims to support smallholders in the transition to sustainable and deforestation-free value chains, and is currently operational in Brazil, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Zambia. SAFE also supports a Hub for Deforestation-free Value Chains that provides information to stakeholders to support coordination of action in this domain.
- Technical Assistance Facility: due to be launched in the second half of 2024, this will provide on-demand expertise and technical support based on the needs of partner countries. It is expected to work on areas such as need assessments, geolocation, land-use mapping, and traceability systems.

## Further guidance for non-EU countries

The European Commission plans extensive outreach to non-EU country authorities and stakeholders, engagement in multilateral forums, and engagement with sectors. The multi-stakeholder Deforestation Platform ([European Commission 2020](#)) aims to facilitate the sharing of good practice and experiences through and across sectors.

The Commission has issued [Guidance](#) and a downloadable [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document to support operators and traders, particularly SMEs, with the requirements of this new Regulation.

## All or multiple agri-food sectors

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