Review of EU Deforestation Regulation: simplification

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Regulation (EU) 2025/2650 amending Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 as regards certain obligations of operators and traders

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has postponed the application of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR, Regulation 2023/1115) by a further 12 months until **30 December 2026**. This is due to technical concerns about the EUDR information system. In July 2026 the European Commission published an EUDR Information System User Guide that provides step-by-step information on how to create and manage due diligence statements, and includes brief descriptions of program functions, capabilities, and procedures.

The following simplifications to the EUDR have also been introduced to reduce the burdens on companies created by EUDR requirements.

- Only operators first placing relevant agri-food products (cattle, cocoa, coffee, palm oil, soya) on the EU market must assess the compliance of products with the EUDR, and submit due diligence statements to the EUDR information system.
- "Downstream operators" – companies that subsequently sell or process these products, but are not the first to place them on the EU market – no longer have to submit their own due diligence statements. The first downstream operator must still be registered in the EUDR information system, and must still ensure full traceability by passing on the reference numbers of all the "deforestation commodities" they use, for inclusion in the due diligence statement. However, this information does not have to be passed further down the supply chain.
- "Micro and small primary operators" that are established in a country classified as low risk (see EU Deforestation Regulation: Engagement with non-EU countries), and that put their own products on the EU market, are required to make a one-time simplified declaration of EUDR conformity rather than a full due diligence statement.

Actions

A further delay of 12 months gives non-EU suppliers additional time to prepare for the basic requirements of the EUDR, which are not changed by this Regulation. Suppliers must provide importers with geolocation data of the plots of land where commodities are produced, and information demonstrating that commodities were produced in line with relevant national laws.

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They must also ensure that this data and information can be passed through the supply chain.

Timeline

The Regulation applies from 26 December 2025.

However, the application of EUDR requirements is postponed until **30 December 2026**. For micro and small operators, the application date is **30 June 2027**.

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