

EUDR

The EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) was officially adopted and entered into force on June 29th 2023. The regulation aims to stop deforestation and forest degradation associated with specific products placed on or exported from the EU market, in particular agriculture crops, but also wood products and solid biofuels. The main provisions in the regulation will apply in December 2024.

The deforestation regulation, EUDR, will replace EUTR (European Timber Regulation 995/2010). Time for implementation is 18 months under which companies and authorities are working to adapt procedures and domestic laws in accordance with the regulation.

Under the regulation, any operator or trader who places commodities, within the scope, on the EU market, or exports from it, must be able to prove that the products do not originate from recently deforested land or have contributed to forest degradation.

There are still uncertainties on how traceability and due diligence shall be performed, which will be further clarified in the EU Commission work group on the issue. Also, the risk-classification of countries still remains.

SCA, as a company placing wood and wood-based products on the market, is working actively with the implementation and will of course align with this new regulation and meet the legal requirements within set time frames. However, it will not be possible until the necessary systems are set in place by the EU Commission and Member States. We are in close collaboration with the competent authority, The Swedish Forest Agency and the Swedish government commission for the implementation of the regulation.

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