

FSC® JOURNEY TO ENABLE EUDR COMPLIANCE



FSC is leading systemic change and developing enhanced technologies to help companies meet EUDR requirements

The Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) and the EU Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR) share a unified vision to protect our forests. As the most credible global sustainable forestry solution, FSC's robust certifications already deliver on numerous EUDR requirements, and in many ways exceed its scope and ambitions.

From June 2024, the **FSC EUDR Toolbox** will provide a set of integrated tools to support companies throughout the supply chain to work together, ultimately enabling both operators and traders to meet their EUDR obligations. Targeted support from FSC will help companies adopt these tools ahead of December 2024 enforcement.

JUNE 2023:

The EU brings the Deforestation-free Products Regulation into force as the EUDR

FSC is the most credible global sustainable forestry solution. FSC delivers on numerous EUDR requirements.

FSC FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION and products with the **FSC 100%** label meet the majority of EUDR requirements.

FSC CHAIN OF CUSTODY CERTIFICATION and products with the **FSC MIX** label meet numerous EUDR requirements.

Products with the **FSC RECYCLED** label are **exempt** as they do not include any virgin forest material.



JUNE 2024:

The **FSC EUDR TOOLBOX** will enable companies, operators, and traders throughout forest supply chains to meet their EUDR obligations

FSC BLOCKCHAIN enables companies to track the material's journey through the entire supply chain and meet EUDR **traceability** requirements.

FSC REGULATORY MODULE will provide additional requirements enabling companies to meet EUDR **deforestation, degradation, and legality** requirements and generate the required due diligence report.

FSC RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK will provide revised **risk assessments** aligned with the EUDR, relieving certified and non-certified operators from significant effort.

From January 2025 the first of **FSC's NEXT GENERATION RISK ASSESSMENTS**, covering all EUDR requirements, become available, providing one standardized Risk Assessment for each prioritized country.



FSC is a comprehensive tool to support smallholder compliance with EUDR

FSC has nearly 30 years of experience working with smallholders to responsibly manage their forests for enhanced market access. By getting certified, smallholders and supporting organizations benefit from existing tools and solutions that include due diligence support, traceability, and documentation and capacity building – each an integral component towards EUDR compliance.



FSC is actively field-testing to improve solutions

FSC is field-testing new tools and innovations during development to assure they are fit for purpose and user-friendly, throughout the supply chain and for different forest-based materials.



FSC is working constructively with EU policy makers

As a member of the EU Commission's EUDR multi-stakeholder platform, FSC engages with the Commission and other forestry actors regularly, aiming to support EUDR implementation and enforcement.

FSC continues to strengthen its system so actors throughout the supply chain can meet all aspects of EUDR and other relevant forestry legislations.

EUDR REQUIREMENTS	Legality requirements	FULLY COMPATIBLE	With FSC certification, forest operators and companies must already adhere to all applicable country legislations, which are audited. This means they already meet EUDR legality requirements.
	Social protections		With FSC certification, companies must already meet the strongest social protections for sustainable forestry, including fair wages, safe working conditions, and upholding the rights of workers and Indigenous Peoples. They already meet EUDR social requirements.
	No deforestation No degradation	COMPATIBILITY IMMINENT	FSC standards prevent deforestation and forest degradation, and its rigorous system and regular audits provide assurance that forests are protected. The FSC REGULATORY MODULE , including additional requirements for deforestation and degradation, will provide EUDR alignment and ensure that certificate holders can confidently make no-deforestation and no-degradation claims and generate the required due diligence report.
	Geolocation		In many FSC-certified forests, managers are already providing geospatial data on FSC-certified forest areas. By June 2024, FSC will additionally provide guidelines for companies to collect geospatial boundary coordinates of all FSC-certified forests, and technology platforms to manage that data. This will support companies to meet EUDR geolocation requirements.
	Traceability		FSC Chain of Custody Certification currently verifies that wood and non-timber forest products originating from sustainably managed FSC-certified forests can be identified throughout the supply chain. FSC BLOCKCHAIN will enable companies to transmit product origin data throughout the entire supply chain, thereby meeting EUDR traceability requirements . FSC is working toward onboarding Certificate Holders from March 2024.
	Risk assessments Risk mitigation		Companies can already use FSC's comprehensive risk assessments. Some requirements differ from EUDR, and some exceed those of EUDR. FSC NEXT GENERATION OF RISK ASSESSMENTS , available to both certified and non-certified companies, will cover all EUDR requirements , providing one standardized risk assessment for each country. A new framework will be available from June 2024. From January 2025, the revision process of 20 prioritized risk assessments will be underway.



FSC certification does not exempt companies from their EUDR obligations

Certification systems can help companies meet sustainability, legality, and due diligence requirements and provide tools to store and process data. However, being certified does not automatically exempt companies from EUDR obligations.

EVERYONE MUST PLAY THEIR PART IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DEFORESTATION.



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