

European Union Deforestation Regulation FAQ

Overview

- **Regulation:** Requires any company importing or exporting certain commodities from the EU to prove the products do not originate from recently deforested land or contributed to forest degradation.
- **Products Covered:** Wood, cattle (beef), cocoa, coffee, palm oil, rubber, soya, and derived products (pulp, paper, leather, chocolate, and furniture) which are made from, containing, or fed with such commodities.
- **Timeline:** Entered into force in June 2023. Currently in implementation. New requirements will start to apply 30 December 2024.
 - Updated FAQ document from the Commission published on 12 Dec, 2023 (the latest consolidated version of FAQs can be found [here](#)).
 - December 2023 - Information system pilot testing started and Sylvamo was chosen for system testing.
 - Q1 2024 – Draft country benchmarking methodology expected.
 - Q3 – Q4 2024 – Benchmarking act, country classification list, information systems act, guidelines for operators and traders and guidelines on legality/third party certification schemes

“Deforestation-free” means:

- Relevant products contain, have been fed with or have been made using relevant commodities that were produced on land that has not been subject to deforestation after 31 December 2020
- In the case of relevant products that contain or have been made using wood, the wood has been harvested from the forest without inducing forest degradation after 31 December 2020

“Deforestation” means conversion of forest to agricultural use, whether human-induced or not

“Forest degradation” means structural changes to forest cover, taking the form of the conversion of (i) primary forests into planted forests and (ii) primary forests or naturally regenerating forests into plantation forests or into other wooded land

For more information:

- EU website on deforestation-free products https://environment.ec.europa.eu/topics/forests/deforestation/regulation-deforestation-free-products_en
- EU website on implementation; https://green-business.ec.europa.eu/implementation-eu-deforestation-regulation_en
- EUDR text No 2023/1115: <https://eurlex.europa.eu/legalcontent/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32023R1115&qid=1687867231461>
- EU Factsheet: <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/e75f251c-4c11-11ec-91ac-01aa75ed71a1>
- EU FAQ document June 29, 2023, https://environment.ec.europa.eu/publications/frequently-asked-questions-deforestation-regulation_en
- EU FAQ document: consolidated June & Dec, 2023: <https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/34861680-e799-4d7c-bbad-da83c45da458/library/e126f816-844b-41a9-89ef-cb2a33b6aa56/details>