

# FSC® JOURNEY TO ENABLE EUDR COMPLIANCE



## How FSC will support EUDR compliance and implementation in 2024

The Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) and the EU Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR) share a unified vision to protect our forests. The most credible validation of forest stewardship globally, FSC's robust certifications already deliver on numerous EUDR sustainability and legality requirements, and in many ways exceed its scope and ambitions.

From June 2024, **FSC EUDR Aligned** will provide a set of integrated tools to support operators and traders throughout the supply chain to work together, ultimately enabling them to meet their EUDR obligations.

### JUNE 2023:

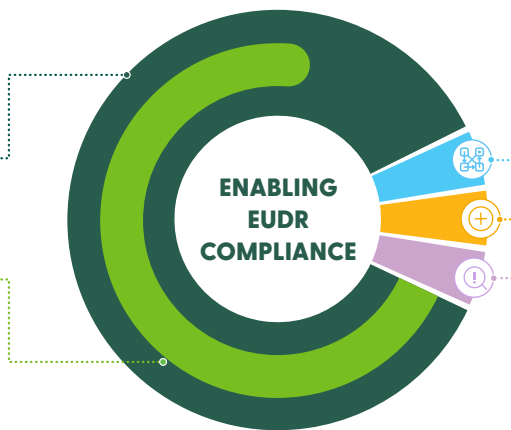
The EU brings the Deforestation-free Products Regulation into force as the EUDR

FSC certification delivers on numerous EUDR requirements.

**FSC FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION** and products with the **FSC 100%** label meet the vast 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:

**FSC EUDR Aligned** will enable companies throughout forest supply chains to meet their EUDR obligations

**FSC BLOCKCHAIN\*** will enable companies to track the material's journey through the entire supply chain, meeting EUDR traceability requirements and providing the ability to generate due diligence statements for submission to the EU.

**FSC REGULATORY MODULE\*\*** will provide additional requirements enabling companies to meet **EUDR** deforestation, degradation, and legality requirements.

**FSC RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK\*\*\*** will enable companies to develop risk assessments aligned with EUDR. In 2025, **FSC's NEXT GENERATION RISK ASSESSMENTS** will become available, significantly relieving risk management efforts for companies.



## Choose FSC for added value with EUDR

FSC has nearly 30 years experience working with companies and forest managers, including smallholders, to responsibly manage the world's forests.



### Forestry regulations experience

FSC has 15+ years' experience with international forestry regulations, including the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR), the Lacey Act, and Australia's Illegal Logging Prohibition Act, and the required due diligence activities.



### Indigenous Peoples prioritized

FSC requires forest owners and managers to obtain Indigenous communities' Free, Prior, and Informed Consent on all forest-related decisions, while upholding rights of land ownership and access to resources.



### Smallholder compliance support

By getting certified, smallholders benefit from FSC's existing solutions and capacity building. With the addition of FSC Regulatory Module, community and family forests can utilize FSC certification for due diligence and traceability support.



### EU policy makers engagement

As a member of the EU Commission's EUDR multi-stakeholder platform, FSC regularly engages with the Commission and other forestry actors 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. <b>This means they already meet EUDR legality requirements.</b>
	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. <b>They already meet EUDR social requirements.</b>
	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 <b>FSC REGULATORY MODULE**</b> will provide additional requirements for deforestation and degradation and provide EUDR alignment needed for the due diligence report. Once the full supply chain meets these requirements, <b>certificate holders can make 'no deforestation' claims.</b>
	Geolocation		In many FSC-certified forests, managers are already providing geospatial data on FSC-certified forest areas. By June 2024 FSC will provide new technology platforms to enable certificate holders to manage geospatial data on the location of their certified forests, relate that to harvesting locations, and to share that data with their customers. <b>This will support companies to meet EUDR geolocation requirements.</b>
	Traceability		FSC Chain of Custody Certification currently verifies that wood, rubber and other forest-based materials originating from sustainably managed FSC-certified forests can be identified throughout the supply chain. <b>FSC BLOCKCHAIN*</b> will enable companies to transmit product origin data throughout the entire supply chain, <b>meeting EUDR traceability requirements</b> and providing the ability to generate due diligence statements for submission to the EU.
	Risk assessments Risk mitigation		Companies can already use FSC's comprehensive risk assessments. Some requirements differ from EUDR, and some exceed those of EUDR. <b>FSC NEXT GENERATION OF RISK ASSESSMENTS</b> , available to both certified and non-certified companies, <b>will cover all EUDR requirements</b> , providing one standardized risk assessment for each country. A new <b>RISK ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK***</b> will be available from June 2024 and the first 20 revised risk assessments available by January 2025.

\*FSC.org/Blockchain | \*\*FSC-STD-01-004 FSC Regulatory Module | \*\*\*FSC-PRO-06-006b Risk Assessment Framework



**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.**



Find out more about how FSC can support your EUDR journey.

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