

Statement EU Deforestation Regulation

delfort's mission is to support our business partners in providing sustainable and functional solutions to customers. As an expert in the design, development and manufacturing of specialty papers the responsible sourcing of all materials stands on the forefront of all our business decisions.

Since 2007, when delfort - as the pioneer within the industry - started to publish an annual sustainability report in accordance with the GRI Standards, delfort makes all its fibre sourcing strategies public. Since the early days we can declare that 100% of our wood pulp derives from responsible managed sources only.

We actively support, promote and adhere to forest stewardship programs such as FSC^{TM1} and PEFC² and we are committed to Canopy's Pack4Good initiative which ensures that no pulp comes from Ancient or Endangered forests.

European Union has initiated the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR) in 2013. This regulation is replaced as of June 29, 2023 by an even stricter and much more bureaucratic regime, the EU Deforestation Regulation, "EUDR" - Regulation (EU) No 2023/1115.

The main objective of the new regulation is to ensure that products such as palm oil, cattle, soy, coffee, cocoa, timber, and rubber, as well as derived products (listed in Annex I to the Regulation), placed on or exported from the EU market, do not contribute to deforestation or forest degradation worldwide while also protecting the rights of indigenous peoples.

Therefore, the Regulation mandates extensive due diligence including continuous data verification and documentation on the whole value chain for all operators and traders dealing with wood-based commodities like wood pulp and paper among others. This due diligence requirement applies to any company doing business within EU, regardless of whether they are EU-based or not, and it covers any kind of deforestation in Europe and overseas.

The transition period to implement the new rules is 18 months. As of December 30, 2024, the EUDR will be fully applicable, except for micro-undertakings or small undertakings pursuant to Article 3(1) or (2) of Directive 2013/34/EU, respectively. During this period, companies and authorities must adapt procedures and laws to fully comply with the EUDR.

The new rules aim to:

- prevent the listed products that Europeans purchase, use and consume from contributing to deforestation and forest degradation in the EU and globally.
- reduce carbon emissions caused by EU consumption and production of the relevant commodities.
- address all deforestation driven by agricultural expansion to produce the commodities in the scope of the regulation, as well as forest degradation.

¹ FSC-C109921

² PEFC/06-33-163



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For the time being not all member states have achieved clarity about the traceability and due diligence requirements. A working group of the EU Commission is still elaborating further clarifications and definitions.

delfort regards itself as a first mover in preparation works for EUDR and has already adapted its current procedures, data flows, documentation and processes. We are prepared to adopt to short term amendments to the EUDR and can assure our customers to comply with the EUDR requirements timely, as always.

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