

EU Regulation on deforestation- and forest degradation free supply chains



Objectives of the Regulation

GENERAL

Minimise the EU's contribution to deforestation and forest degradation worldwide

(thus reducing global deforestation and forest degradation as well as greenhouse gas emissions and biodiversity loss)

Specific

Minimise risk that products from supply chains associated with deforestation / forest degradation are placed on the EU market or exported from it

Increase EU demand for and trade in legal and 'deforestation free' commodities and products



Legislative track – EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)

June 2023: Entry into force of the regulation

- **December 2024**: Entry into application of obligations for operators (June 2025 for small and micro enterprises) and for MS Competent Authorities
- EU FLEGT Regulation remains in place/ EU timber
 Regulation repealed and replaced by EUDR



Implementation tasks (1)

- Frequently Asked Questions: key aspects of implementation for operators/traders and for competent authorities → latest update in Dec2023
- **Guidelines**: in selected thematic areas, such as due diligence, certification and on certain definitions ("agricultural use", recital 37) → forthcoming

Implementation tasks (2)

- Information System (Article 33): IT developments, Implementing Acts, up and running by the entry into application → pilot testing ongoing
- EU Forest Observatory (recital 31): developed by JRC, to provide reference maps on global forest cover → presented in Dec 2023, and currently publicly accessible online

Implementation tasks (3)

- Review process (Article 34):
 - First review: on possible addition of Other Wooded Land \rightarrow within *one year* from the entry into force
 - Second review: on <u>other ecosystems</u>, <u>product scope</u> (both commodities and derived products) and role of <u>financial institutions</u> \rightarrow within **two years** from the entry into force
- Benchmarking (Article 29): Implementing act, to be adopted by the entry into application

Implementation tasks (4)

- Cooperation with third countries (article 30)
 - Both producing and consumer countries
 - Political dialogue, public diplomacy and technical assistance
 - The role of the Deforestation Multi-stakeholders
 Platform