

EUDR

EU Deforestation Regulation

The EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) replaces the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR). EUDR was officially adopted on May 31st 2023, and entered into force on June 29th 2023. The regulation aims to stop deforestation and forest degradation associated with specific products placed on or exported from the EU market, in particular agriculture crops, but also wood products and solid biofuels. The main provisions in the regulation will apply December 2025.

The EUDR requires that products covered by the directive and intended either for placement on the EU internal market or for export from the EU must:

- be deforestation-free
- have been produced in accordance with the relevant legislation of the country of production
- be covered by a due diligence statement

Bergene Holm AS works to promote sustainable forestry and supports measures against deforestation and forest degradation. Bergene Holm AS shall comply with the regulatory requirements applicable in all geographical areas where the group operates, as well as all requirements arising from e.g. certifications and operating permits held by the company.

The EUDR's requirements will extend beyond the capabilities of our current traceability schemes (PEFC and FSC). To solve this, we are actively working on developing the systems needed to comply by the end of 2025. We have established an EUDR work-group responsible for updating and implementing control routines that enable Bergene Holm to issue due diligence statements for relevant products.

Adapting to and complying with the requirements of the EUDR will also require adjustments to IT systems across the value chain, from forest to finished products. Bergene Holm has initiated internal reviews and testing to assess how the demands for information gathering and data flow within our business systems can be managed efficiently and appropriately. This also includes communication with the EU database.

There are still unresolved questions regarding the practical implementation of the EUDR. To ensure access to the latest updates and guidance, Bergene Holm closely monitors information published by the EU and maintains continuous dialogue with industry federations in Sweden and Norway, customers, the forest industry and certification bodies.

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