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PEFC EUDR Alignment Project

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PEFC UK Update



UK Forest Management Certificates



- 15 PEFC FM Certificate Holders
- 1.55 Million ha
- Approximately 50% of UK Forest Area
- 80% of commercial conifer stock is PEFC certified.
- Additional 75k ha is certified to FSC certified

UK Chain of Custody Certificates

- 898 Certificates
- 207 Multi-sites
- 690 Single
- 1 Producer Group with 168 members



EUDR

PEFC Alignment Project



Overview



- Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) technical development
- Chain of Custody (CoC) technical development
- Integrity development: Data and geolocation
- EU engagement work

SFM Technical Development



ST 1003 International Benchmark Standard now at enquiry draft stage with key issues:

- Forest categories
- Forest conversion
- Forest degradation
- Geolocation
- Cut-off date (2010 versus 2020)
- Appendix 2: TOF interpretation

All being added or adapted as necessary to align to EUDR definitions and statutory wording

60-day public consultation launched on 13th May 2024.



ST-1003 Adaption Timeline



- 60-day public consultation until 13th July 2024.
- SFM Working Group to consider comments from consultation.
- Following Board approval and postal ballot, NGBs can officially commence adaptation.
- UKWAS implications.

ST-1003 Adaption Timeline



- Implications on non-alignment at moment EUDR becomes active.
- Any timber from PEFC certified forests in non-aligned national systems at 31/12/24 will be treated as not fully EUDR aligned.
- More substantive DDS check by the Operator (or traders before Operator) required.

Chain of Custody (CoC) Technical Development



Objectives

- Based on PEFC ST 2002:2020 Chain of custody standard.
- Easy integration within existing Chain of custody processes.
- Can be used by any certified organisation within the supply chain.
- Optional modular approach.
- **The ‘PEFC EUDR DDS’**

Key Elements of PEFC EUDR DDS



- Implemented at Product Group Level
- Certificate holder to define which product groups will go through PEFC EUDR DDS
- They then apply to their Certification Body for an extended scope for PEFC EUDR DDS for the specific products/product groups.
- This will require species data and a revised suite of claims to be added into management systems and software

Key elements of PEFC EUDR DDS

- New PEFC EUDR Claims
- Added to existing claims
 - ‘PEFC EUDR X% PEFC certified’
 - ‘PEFC EUDR 100% PEFC Origin’
 - ‘PEFC EUDR PEFC Controlled sources’



Key Elements of PEFC EUDR DDS



- Collection of information for incoming raw materials/supplies
- If material delivered under a PEFC EUDR claim including an EU Information centre reference number – **information on request**
- Otherwise: information provided together with the PEFC EUDR claim
Risk assessment facilitated.
- If no PEFC EUDR claim - **full risk assessment**

PEFC EUDR DDS – Risk Assessment



Split in four steps, risk to be checked separately:

1. Risk of deforestation and/or forest degradation.
2. Legality (as defined by EUDR).
3. Controversial sources (not already covered).
4. Complexity of and Mixing at supply chain.

PEFC EUDR DDS – Next Steps



- DDS Public consultation ended on 7th May 2024.
- CoC WG met in Paris on 9th and 10th May 2024, addressing comments and preparing final draft.
- Final draft agreed and approved by PEFC Board on 12th May 2024.
- Postal ballot of members .
- When approved, NGBs (e.g. PEFC UK) need to adopt and inform PEFC International.
- PEFC Int will then roll out accreditation, training and guidance.

PEFC EUDR DDS – Data Taskforce



- Broad consensus that geolocation and harvesting and/or production data will be left to actors in supply chain, no central role for PEFC.
- PEFC Int continuing to engage with and discuss technology solutions with potential partners and other tech companies
- Possibility of partnership/recommendations for good tech solutions, including risk assessment toolkits/methodology
- Further work needed on PEFC database(s) when EUDR scope, product groups and claims introduced

EUDR Implementation at European Commission Level



GUIDELINE DOCUMENT (non-binding)

Draft document shared with EU Member States, and soon Commission services (interservice consultation)

Containing 11 areas:

- Definitions of placing on the market, making available on the market and export
- Definition of operator
- Date of effect and time-frame for application
- Risk assessment and definition of 'negligible risk'
- Clarification of 'complexity of the supply chain'
- Legality
- Product scope
- Regular maintenance of a DDS
- Composite products
- **The role of certification**
- Agricultural use

Foreseen timeline: available by end of May 2024

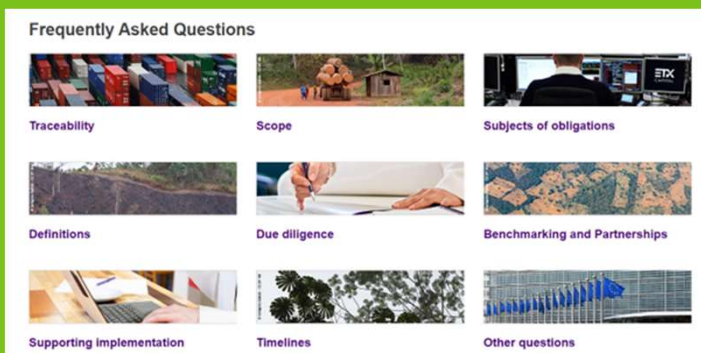
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FAQ

(Frequently Asked Questions)

- New updated end of March, more updates due



COUNTRY BENCHMARKING SYSTEM

- The deadline of December 2024 may not be met, BUT no official EU announcement about delay.
- Every country to be assigned until decisions are published.
- Commission: “to give countries more time to adapt”; “no advantage of one country over another”.

EUDR Implementation at European Commission Level

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES (CAs) IN EU MEMBER COUNTRIES

16 designated so far (status: 11 March)



- Shared responsibilities in Austria, Bulgaria, France

Thank you



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Questions??

