

## **BIC EUDR Practicalities Report 4**

### **Project update: September 2025**

#### **Current project status:**

**7/7 weeks completed,**

**2/2 weeks to refine the deliverables before publication**

#### **Summary of current position:**

- The Task and Finishing Working Group (T&FWG), 34 people, has met eight times so far. There have been discussions around people's understanding of EUDR regulation. The T&FWG now believes that organisations in the UK are going to have to create a Due Diligence Statement (DDS). This is contra to the EU Commission that says it is the EU customer/importer who will be creating the DDS. The T&FWG's research has shown that EU customers are going to want to see a DDS associated with a title before they will order it. Also, the amount of data that would be being passed down the supply chain would be considerable, although this still might be the case depending upon the supplier,
- There are two subgroups that meet weekly as well. The POD subgroup has 10 people in it, and the General Supply subgroup has 18 people in it,
- The POD subgroup has met six times to discuss the plan that had been put together post the April workshop. The T&FWG has created a data process flow map based on a period of production that would use one DDS for all the POD products manufactured in that period. The map has undergone several refinements and has been signed off,
- The General Supply subgroup has met six times and has reviewed and approved the maps created for the April workshop. The T&FWG have reduced the number of maps down to three:
  - a map that covers manufacturing in the UK using EU paper, with a detailed look at distributors, warehouses and shippers in the process, a map
  - a map that covers manufacturing in the Rest of the World with supply to the UK
  - a map that covers manufacturing in the Rest of the World with supply directly to a customer in the EU
- The T&FWG have had long discussions around the 'transition period' and will it be possible to sell books currently with UK distributors and warehouses into the EU after the 30 December 2025. The transition period is from the 29 June 2023 to 30 December 2025. For the book supply chain this means organisations must prove that books produced during that period are in accordance with EUDR. This is a very contentious point and people's understanding varies greatly in this area.

#### **Initial Deliverables Achieved to Date:**

- The EUDR Practicalities - A Fast Track report has been approved and published,
- The EUDR Helpful Information has been approved and published,
- The four data flow maps have been approved and published,

- A meeting to reconvene the T&FWG has been set up for the 2nd September to discuss the next steps

**Next steps:**

- The T&FWG to decide the next steps and frequency of when the group might meet
- Complete the FAQs, although this is a working document.

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