

BIC EUDR Practicalities Report 7

Project update: December 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), met three times during November to discuss the latest position on EUDR. They agreed the following points:
 - To continue meeting weekly until go-live,
 - 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 EUTR and therefore can be covered by EUDR. This is a very contentious point and people's understanding varies greatly in this area. A small sub-working group created an update for organisations on how they can assess products that fall into the transition period. This update is with the BIC Executive Director for approval
- Since the last update the EU Parliament, Council and Commission have all come up with different proposals on how to manage EUDR,
- On the 26 November, the EU Parliament voted for a year's delay and the removal of printed matter from EUDR. Although this needs to be ratified by the EU Parliament, Council, and Commission.
- Even if printed matter is removed from EUDR there are still many unanswered questions:
 - What does this mean for printers and the paper they buy and use?
 - What happens to stock in the transition period?
 - What does it mean for books that are printed outside the EU on non-EU paper?
- The new proposal still must receive approval from the EU Parliament, EU Council, and EU Commission. This is the current timeline for approval of any changes, or EUDR will go live as it currently stands.
 - On the 2nd December, the Commission, Parliament, and Council will meet for the 1st trilogue, and it is likely the final legislative process will be very short, with the Parliament ratifying the outcome of the trilogues on 15 December and the Council on 18 December enabling it to be published in the Official Journal before 30 December.

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,

Next steps:

- The T&FWG are meeting weekly in December to discuss all the latest developments.
- Revised the BIC EUDR documentation based on what version of EUDR is adopted.
- Complete the FAQs, although this is a working document.

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