

BIC EUDR Practicalities Report 8

Project update: February 2026

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 once during January to discuss the latest position on EUDR. The main points of discussion being
 - As EUDR has been delayed by another year this has taken the pressure off the industry, but what does it now mean for the publishing industry,
 - The EU Commission has been asked to come up with ideas on how to simplify the regulation, especially regarding the volume of data flowing down the supply chain,
 - Chapter 49 - the commodity code around printed matter (books and scientific journals etc.) has been removed from the regulation, but not Chapter 48 that covers paper and some items such as notebooks and calendars. Notebooks and calendars can be subjective as they can also be classified under Chapter 49,
 - It was decided that a small team of willing members of the T&FWG would review the current BIC documentation to see if it needs updating now,
 - The whole T&FWG would reconvene in May once the EU Commission had pushed its report to understand what this means for the publishing industry,
 - The BIC Environmental Consultant was asked to write a short project brief to cover the new work going forwards.

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:

- A few select members of T&FWG are going to meet in February to discuss the current documentation and see if it needs revising,
- Publishing the Part 2 EUDR Practicalities project brief.
- Complete the FAQs, although this is a working document.

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