

BIC Green Supply Chain

Update: December 2025



Summary of current position:

- The BIC Green Supply Chain Work Plan tracker has been updated to show what was completed in June. The tracker has been submitted to the BIC Executive Director.
- The Designed for Recycling Project, Part 3 Manufactured Book to End-of-Life, did not meet in December. The project consultant made changes to the final report based on feedback from the T&FWG. The report has now been submitted to the BIC Executive Director.
- The Sustainability and Environmental Date Reporting Project Part 2 T&FWG did not meet in December. There is a concern that if BIC and the PA publish results around carbon reporting and the figures are very different it would not make a very good impression. The BIC Executive Director met with the CEO of the PA to discuss the best way forward for the project. The PA are not proceeding with their project so BIC will continue working on this project in 2026.
- The EUDR Practicalities - A BIC Fast Track project has been set up with the kick-off meeting being held on the 29 May 2025. The project has now run for seven weeks, and several updates have been provided during the project's duration. The documentation was reviewed and published on the 14 August 2025.
- The Task and Finishing Working Group (T&FWG) met three times during December to discuss the latest position on EUDR. The main points of discussion being
 - The proposed delay to EUDR by a further year,
 - What it would mean if book were exempt from EUDR
 - In the end the EU Parliament and Council agreed on a further year's delay to the implementation of EUDR, with simplification to the regulation
 - Books have been made exempt from the regulation. Some organisations are concerned that the removal of books would create a loophole in the regulation
 - The T&FWG agreed to meet twice in January to discuss the way forwards as not all products are exempt and how the new version of EUDR be implemented. There are still several unanswered questions

Initial Deliverables Achieved to Date:

- The Designed for Recycling, Part 3 Manufactured Book to End of Life final report has been submitted to the BIC Executive Director for comment.

Next steps:

- Make any revisions the BIC Executive Director has for The Designed for Recycling Project, Part 3 Manufactured Book to End-of-Life,
- Restart the The Sustainability and Environmental Date Reporting Project Part 2 project in 2026,
- Continue to work with the EUDR project team to provide information around EUDR for the book industry supply chain.



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