

BIC Green Supply Chain



Update: January 2026

Summary of current position:

- The BIC Green Supply Chain Work Plan tracker has been updated to show what was completed in January. 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 January. The project consultant made changes to the final report based on feedback from the Task and Finishing Working Group (T&FWG). The report has now been submitted to the BIC Executive Director.
- The Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project Part 2 T&FWG met once in January to restart the project. The T&FWG are looking at how they can gather more data from publishers that they have direct contact with. The T&FWG have also noted that there have been several changes in how CO2e is measured and these might have an impact on the project. This is being investigated further.
- 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 was 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 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 Designed for Recycling, Part 3 Manufactured Book to End of Life final report has been submitted to the BIC Executive Director for comment,
- A new project brief has been written and circulated for approval by the EUDR T&FWG.

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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