

BIC Green Supply Chain

Update: March 2026



Summary of current position:

- The BIC Green Supply Chain Work Plan tracker has been updated to show what was completed in March. The tracker has been submitted to the BIC Executive Director.
- The Designed for Recycling Project, Part 3 Manufactured Book to End-of-Life, Task and Finishing Working Group (T&FWG) did not meet in March. The project consultant is currently revising and clearing any outstanding permission and will then return the report to the BIC Executive Director for final review.
- The Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project Part 2 T&FWG did not meet in March. 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 project consultant is waiting for permission to use the publisher's data that they have received and will then make the various calculations as to what percentages of publishers are reporting on.
- 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) small review team met once during March to discuss the latest position on EUDR. The main points of discussion being
 - The BIC Environmental Consultant has revised the current guidance documentation, and this is currently with the project team for review,
 - A list of paper-based items that fall into Chapters 48 and 49 has been created for inclusion in the new guidance documentation,
 - The BIC Environmental Consultant emailed all the publishers on BIC EUDR to see how they classify products. Only two replied with mixed answers. The publishing industry needs to clearer on how they do this,
 - The BIC Environmental Consultant spoke to a FlameTree publishing representative to see how they classify their products, as they have similar products that fall into both Chapters 48 and 49. Some products are classified as 49 to fit the American market,
 - The BIC Environmental Consultant created a report from the government's website on sales of products in Chapters 48 and 49. The T&FWG are currently reviewing the data.

Initial Deliverables Achieved to Date:

- The Designed for Recycling, Part 3 Manufactured Book to End of Life final report has been returned to the project consultant for revision and obtaining the final permissions,
- The EUDR Guidance documentation has been revised considering the changes to the regulation.



Next steps:

- Return the revised report to the BIC Executive Director for The Designed for Recycling Project, Part 3 Manufactured Book to End-of-Life for final approval,
- The Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project Part 2 project in 2026 to continue looking at ways to present the data,
- Continue to work with the EUDR project team to provide information around EUDR for the book industry supply chain.

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