

BIC Green Supply Chain

Update: August 2026



Summary of current position:

- The BIC Green Supply Chain Work Plan tracker has been updated to show what was completed in July. 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 August. 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 project consultant has now found someone at TG Jones who is willing to review the final report and hopefully, give approval of the data provided. TG Jones are still working through the report and checking the data that they originally provided.
- The Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project Part 2 T&FWG did not meet in August. The T&FWG have gathered all the information they can around data reporting. The team is now looking at how this can be displayed and easily updated on a yearly basis. So, the team have come up with the following calculations around the percentages of publishers who have signed up to Publishing Declares:
 - The number of publishers who are reporting/measuring their carbon emissions is 40.7%
 - Of all the books sold in the UK in 2025 73.62% are being produced by a publisher who is reporting/measuring their carbon emissions
 - The team is now taking a deeper dive into the emissions data that publishers are providing. The idea behind this is to see if and how this can be reported as a figure for the book industry. This data is variable across the publishers
 - The PA has data that could be useful to this project, but approval needs to be obtained to use it. This is being investigated.
 - The BIC Executive Director and Environmental Consultant met with PA, who are now starting their data project again. A further discussion is due to take place after the summer.
 - BIC will continue to work on the project in the meantime.
- 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) the full team met once during August to discuss the latest position on EUDR. The main points of discussion being

- The T&FWG group decided that until the EU Commission published the latest FAQs, due in September, that they would not meet again until October. This would give the team a chance to review the new FAQs before meeting again
- The project consultant completed all the changes to the helpful information documentation and the maps which have now been reduced to three
- The EUDR documentation was approved BIC Executive Director



- The revised documentation has now been upload to the [BIC Website](#).

The PPWR Fast Track project had its first meeting at the end of July. The aim is to provide helpful information to the book industry supply chain. The Task and Finish Working Group (T&FWG) made up of volunteers from across BIC members. The project is being run like the EUDR one in that it is fast moving especially as PPWR goes live on the 12 August 2026. It was agreed that:

- The T&FWG would meet three times a week
- A Group 1 meeting around Technical and Declaration of Conformity certificates
- A Group 2 meeting around Labelling and EPR schemes
- The final meeting would be all the T&FWG to keep everyone informed as to progress
- These groups have been meeting on a weekly basis throughout August
- The T&FWG has been making progress understanding the regulation, but this is complicated at the role of 'PPWR Manufacturer' can change in the supply chain depending on who is do what. This has generated a lot of discussion
- The project consultant is now in the process of generating a number of process maps for the various scenarios for the supply of product
- It should be noted that PPWR is all about the packing and how recyclable and reuseable it is, as well the materials that make the packaging. It has a number of gates that it passes through with increasing requirements over the coming years
- PPWR is also linked to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes in the EU, but EPR is about who pays for the disposal of packaging materials in a country

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,
- The PPWR project to start pulling together helpful information and process maps for the book industry supply chain.

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