BIC Green Supply Chain

Update: September 2026

Summary of current position:

- The BIC Green Supply Chain Work Plan tracker has been updated to show what was completed in October. 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 October. The BIC Executive Director approved the final corrections. The final report has been published on the BIC website. It is available to BIC members and will be available to all in 2027.

- The Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project Part 2 T&FWG did not meet in October. 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. The BIC Executive Director and Environmental Consultant met with the Chair of the Green Supply Chain Committee about the project. The BIC Executive Director and Environmental Consultant had another meeting with the PA about both their data reporting projects. Unfortunately, the meeting did not come to any resolutions, and another meeting will be required in November.

- 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, updated in republished in August 2026.
    - The Task and met once in October to discuss the EU Commission's updated FAQs. These now state that B2C products coming from outside the EU are subject to EUDR. The team is new working out how to manage this change in the supply chain.
    - There is another issue in that it is no longer possible to "nest" paper DDSs to create a Chapter 48 product DDS. This means that the geolocation data in all its forms and tree species information must be passed all the way down the supply chain.
    - The project consultant is now updating all the documentation again
    - They agreed to have another meeting in November.

- 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. To date:
    - Initially the T&FWG met three times a week, but this been reduced again to either weekly or fortnightly,
    - Work continues to understand the labelling requirements that have to go on packages
    - Working to start on writing the helpful information for the book industry supply chain

Initial Deliverables Achieved to Date:

- Publication of the Designed for Recycling, Part 3 Manufactured Book to End of Life final report.

Next steps:

- The Sustainability and Environmental Date Reporting Project Part 2 project in 2026 to continue looking at ways to present the data,
- Continue working a plan for the Data Workshop for January or February 2027,
- 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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