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Given that Poland is among the countries classified as low risk of deforestation, operators sourcing their commodities from the country can benefit from simplified due diligence pursuant to Article 13 of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)¹.

The EUDR requires operators to exercise due diligence and assume formal compliance of the product by submitting a Due Diligence Statement (DDS) in the Information System. The reference number of such DDS carries legal value and confirms that due diligence has been exercised by the operator, and that no or a negligible risk of non-compliance is associated with the product.

The Commission presented a proposal to amend the EUDR in order to reduce the load on the EUDR Information System and ease the administrative burden for economic operators, while maintaining the Regulation's environmental integrity. On 4 December 2025, the co-legislators agreed on the revised EUDR². The new date of entry into application will be 30 December 2026 for all companies except for most micro- or small operators, for which it will be 30 June 2027. For micro- or small operators already covered by the EU Timber Regulation³, the entry into application will be 30 December 2026.

The amendments to the EUDR also limit the obligation to submit due diligence statements to the first operator placing the relevant products on the market. Downstream operators, such as retreading industry or craft businesses, will no longer need to submit due diligence statements, nor to pass on the reference numbers further in the supply chain.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2023 on the making available on the Union market and the export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation and repealing Regulation (EU) No 995/2010, OJ L 150, 9.6.2023, p. 206–247.

² Regulation (EU) 2025/2650 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 2025 amending Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 as regards certain obligations of operators and traders, OJ L, 2025/2650, 23.12.2025.

³ Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market, OJ L 295, 12.11.2010, pp. 23–34.