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Trade between the EU and Colombia is governed by the EU-Andeans trade agreement¹, which includes monitoring mechanisms under its title IX on trade and sustainable development.

To complement the annual institutional dialogue on Trade and Sustainable Development under the Trade Agreement between the EU and Andean countries, including Colombia, several tools and actions are in place to promote a transition towards sustainable value chains including human rights protection.

Upon entry into application of the EU Deforestation Regulation² in December 2026, operators placing on the EU market products produced with commodities originating from Colombia³ will have to carry out full due diligence to ensure that they are deforestation free and produced in line with the relevant legislation of the country of Colombia, including in terms of human rights protected under international law and the principle of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC), including as set out in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD)⁴ will require large companies to identify and address adverse human rights and environmental impacts in their own operations, those of their subsidiaries and in their (global) value chains. Non-compliance is subject to public and private enforcement.

The Global Gateway supports sustainable and quality investments with high social, environmental and governance standards in full compliance with human rights obligations⁵. The Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe Regulation⁶ ensures the systematic application of the Human Rights Based Approach in all EU funded external actions.

¹ https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/eu-trade-relationships-country-and-region/countries-and-regions/andean-community_en.

² 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.

³ Starting from the entry into application of the EU Deforestation Regulation at the end of 2026.

⁴ Enters into application mid-2029: Directive (EU) 2024/1760 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 on corporate sustainability due diligence and amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 and Regulation (EU) 2023/2859, OJ L, 2024/1760, 5.7.2024.

⁵ Including respect for territorial rights.

⁶ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/funding-technical-assistance/neighbourhood-development-and-international-cooperation-instrument-global-europe-ndici-global-europe_en.