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On 4 May 2026, the Commission published a report on simplifying the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)¹ and a set of new measures to provide additional clarity and ensure legal stability and predictability². All simplification measures adopted since the EUDR entered into force in 2023 are expected, taken together, to reduce annual compliance costs for companies subject to EUDR obligations by 75% compared to the original EUDR.

The simplification package includes updated Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions providing further clarifications, including on the definitions of ‘operator’ and ‘placing on the market’, and on obligations concerning the transfer of due diligence statement reference numbers, in line with customs legislation and legislation governing the EU single market. In particular, these documents explain that EUDR obligations focus on the first placer on the market. They were developed together with Member States and therefore constitute an important implementation tool.

On 13 July 2026, a Delegated Act updating the EUDR product scope was adopted³, taking into account input received during the four-week public feedback period. The suggestion to remove wood residues and sawmill by-products was not accommodated as these products are already regulated under the EU Timber Regulation⁴. The request also lacked support from the relevant industry sectors. The Delegated Act is now subject to scrutiny by the European Parliament and the Council.

As regards Member States’ national forest monitoring systems or databases, these can play an important role in facilitating EUDR compliance, especially of micro or small primary operators, in accordance with Article 4a(4) EUDR.

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 https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/api/files/document/print/en/ip_26_941/IP_26_941_EN.pdf.

³ https://environment.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-updates-product-scope-and-tools-support-eudr-2026-07-13_en.

⁴ 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.