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## **INFORMATION** Updates on European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)

European Union Council adopted the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) on 16 May 2023. EUDR applies to the 27 European Union (EU) member states including Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden. The regulation was made to ensure that all of the import or export products, ingredients, and derivatives are not produced from the forest degradation land or deforestation after the period of 31 December 2020 and uphold human rights.

Previously, the EU framework in deforestation was contained in the **'European Union Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade** (FLEGT) Action Plan from 2003' where it constituted the key EU policy against illegal logging and associated trade. Currently, the EUDR scheme was made based on the legal basis of **'Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Regulation (FLEGT Regulation), and** the European Union Timber Regulation (EUTR)''.

EUDR aims to help the EU to reduce its contribution to global deforestation, greenhouse gas emissions, and biodiversity loss. It requires operators and traders to evaluate the commodities where they were produced or the particular locations where the animals were raised for example; in the case of cattle. The regulation requires operators and traders to conduct; gathering geographic information on the land of origin of commodities via satellite imagery, mitigate high risks and assess the risk of non-compliance to the EU deforestation-free regulation in their evaluation.

The commodities, products, and derivatives which are affected by the EUDR are:

- Cattle & Beef
- Cocoa & Chocolate
- Coffee
- Palm Oil
- Soy
- Wood and Rubber
- Leather
- Cosmetics, and other additional products will be added in the next two years after the EU reviews.

## Reference:

• European Parliament Press Release on 16 May 2023

If you require the copy of this regulation, please do not hesitate to contact <u>research@ibai.or.id</u> Thank you for your attention and we hope this information would be valuable to you

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