

Lakeside Book Company's FAQs: European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) Compliance for U.S. Manufacturers



Lakeside Book Company is here to help our customers understand and prepare for the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR).

Understanding a new regulation like the EUDR and its implications for your business can seem a bit confusing. As your trusted partner, we're here to support you by sharing information and keeping you informed as the deadline approaches.

Together, we'll make sure you're fully prepared.

Clear guidance

Equipping you with foundational information that explains EUDR is the first step. It's important that you understand what EUDR means so you can effectively get ready for it. We've broken down this complex topic into concise, easy-to-understand explanations in the FAQs below, making it easier to plan the actions you'll need to take.

Practical Information

U.S. publishers exporting to the European Union (EU) must ensure their products comply with the EUDR requirements by December 31, 2025. While we can't eliminate every concern about EUDR, we can provide essential information and resources you need to confidently take the necessary steps for compliance. We are working with our supply chain to make sure we can provide you with the data you'll need for EUDR.

Ongoing support

We've addressed many of the common questions our customers are asking in the FAQs to help you navigate EUDR. Our team will continue to keep you informed every step of the way. We are closely monitoring the evolving situation with EUDR and will share any additional updates we receive from the EU.

Helpful Resources

You can learn more about EUDR by visiting these sites.

- [European Union Commission](#)
- [American Forest and Paper Association Handout](#)
- [Letter for U.S. Congress to EU Commissioners](#)
- [Domtar EUDR Update Notice_Feb 2025](#)
- [Forest Products EUDR Letter to the President](#)

We will share any additional sources of information about EUDR as we continue to learn more and stay current on this topic.

FAQs: European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) Compliance for U.S. Manufacturers

1. What is the EUDR?

The European Union (EU) aims to combat global deforestation by ensuring supply chains linked to the EU are free from deforestation or forest degradation. Under the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), manufacturers must prove that the products sold in or exported from the EU have not contributed to forest destruction or deforestation.

2. Why should the EUDR matter to U.S. publishers?

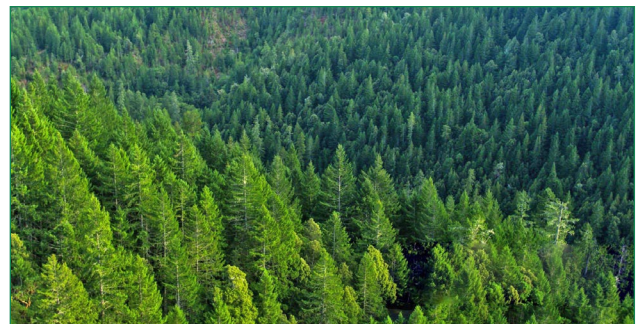
U.S. publishers who are exporting to the EU must ensure their products comply with EUDR requirements. Non-compliance can result in penalties, restricted market access, and reputational risks. Additionally, the Operator in the EU (i.e., the distributor or importer) must certify and provide certain required data about the paper used to manufacture the books. As a result, U.S. publishers who are exporting their products to the EU should expect their EU importer or distributor to ask for the information required under the EUDR.

3. Who does the EUDR apply to?

The EUDR applies to all “Operators.” An Operator is defined to be an EU-based entity responsible for placing relevant products on the EU market for the first time or exporting them from the EU. Publishers, distributors, or importers in the EU could fall under this definition. Operators are required to ensure their products comply with EUDR and that all required information flows through the supply chain and is entered into the EU’s Tracking System (TracesNT).

4. Which products are covered under the EUDR?

The regulation applies to commodities like cattle, cocoa, coffee, palm oil, soy, rubber, cotton, and wood, as well as derived products, such as furniture, paper, books, and chocolate.



5. What are the EUDR Compliance Requirements?

The EUDR mandates the following principal requirements:

a. Geolocation Data: Proving paper origins

- Paper must be traceable to the exact forest where it was sourced.
- Suppliers must provide GPS coordinates to verify deforestation-free sourcing.
- Suppliers unwilling to share geolocation data pose a compliance risk.

b. Supplier Due Diligence: Securing risk-free paper sources

- Ensure suppliers provide digital evidence of deforestation-free practices.
- Verify adherence to sustainability certifications like FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) and PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification).
- Utilize AI-driven tools to identify and mitigate risks posed by high-risk suppliers.

c. Deforestation-Free verification: Demonstrating compliance

- Maintain detailed records of supplier certifications.
- Provide GPS-tracked proof of deforestation-free sourcing.
- Submit Due Diligence Statements (DDS) before exporting or shipping products.

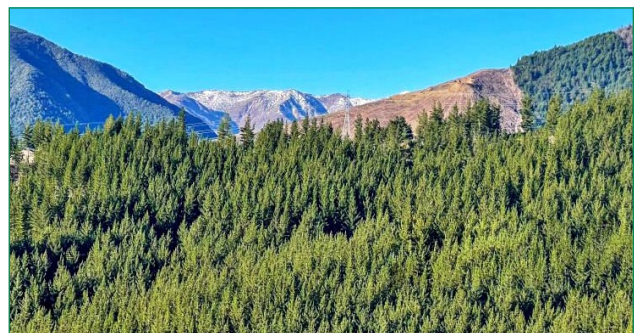
6. Why is confirming compliance with EUDR challenging?

The supply chain for paper is large and complicated.

Pulp, timber, and wood chips from many sources are mixed to create paper. Precise geolocation data is difficult to compile and will be complex to transmit. We are working with our supply chain to make sure we are in a position to provide you with the data that you or your EU distributor or importer will need to comply with the EUDR.

7. Is this regulation different from FSC or Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) certifications?

The EUDR regulatory scheme is very different than the chain of custody and other requirements of FSC and SFI certified paper. The EUDR requires data about the underlying woodlot from which the paper is manufactured to be captured and filed. FSC and SFI certifications may provide some help with satisfying the diligence and risk assessment requirements.



8. What is Lakeside Book Company doing to prepare for EUDR?

We are working with our suppliers to make sure that you, your EU distributor, or importer have the data required to comply with the EUDR. Our goal is to make this information available to you in a timely and usable format. Our suppliers are investing in software platforms and services to handle the immense volume of data needed for compliance. We are investing in our IT infrastructure to ensure we can receive and transmit the data for EUDR compliant jobs.

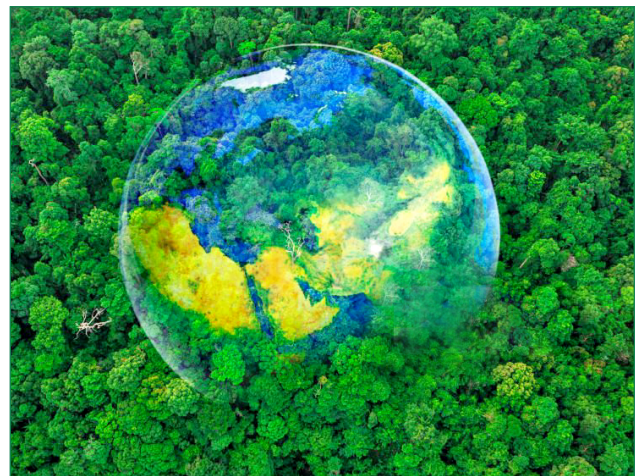
We have a high level of confidence with regard to the diligence portion of the EUDR requirement, since the vast majority of the paper we use is sourced from the U.S. and Canada. We believe all pulp and timber used for paper made in the U.S. and Canada is already sustainably and responsibly sourced and compliant with the new EU regulation, and has been for years.

9. Will EUDR compliance increase my costs?

Currently, we are working closely with our suppliers regarding this matter to ensure that any cost implications for our publishing customers are minimized. At this stage, we cannot provide definitive information.

10. Will EUDR compliant paper be available in time?

We expect that the U.S. paper mills and merchants will have some EUDR compliant paper available in time to meet the EUDR deadline at the end of this year.



11. What are the deadlines for compliance?

Large businesses must comply by December 30, 2025, while small and micro enterprises have until June 30, 2026.

12. How can U.S. publishers prepare?

You should reach out to your EU distributors and importers to better understand the scope and format of the information you will be required to provide. We will be providing data in a standard format for all of our customers and integrating that process into our workflow. The data will include information about each participant in the supply chain back to the woodlot for all relevant paper products. You will need to determine how to efficiently receive and transmit this data to your EU distributor or importer.

We encourage you to closely monitor the situation and consider taking steps to address the data workflow issue. There are a number of software platforms and services in the market that may be helpful.

13. Where can I find more information?

Visit the [European Union Commission's website](#) or consult legal and compliance experts for advice specific to your situation.

