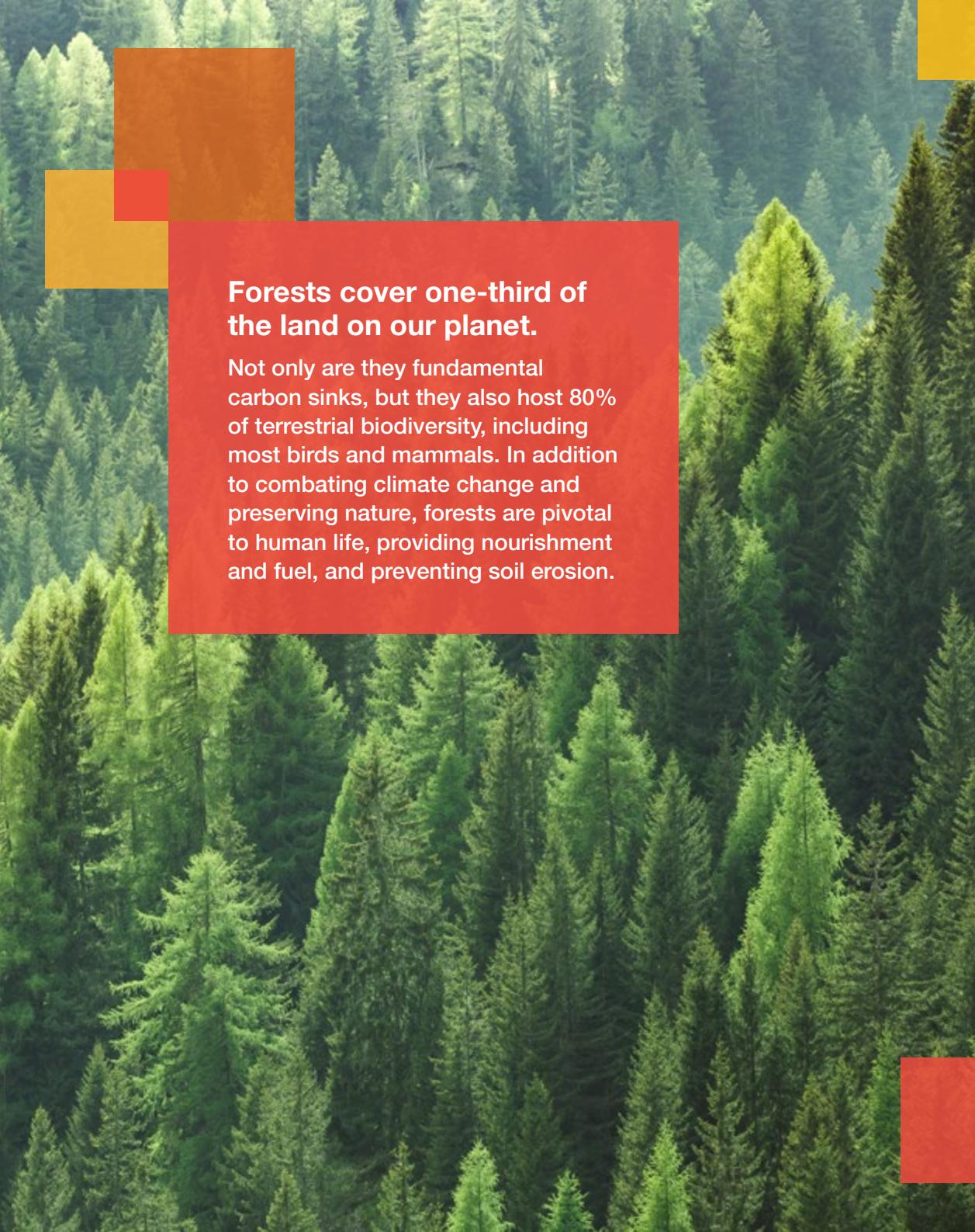




EUDR

**Regulation on
deforestation-free products**



Forests cover one-third of the land on our planet.

Not only are they fundamental carbon sinks, but they also host 80% of terrestrial biodiversity, including most birds and mammals. In addition to combating climate change and preserving nature, forests are pivotal to human life, providing nourishment and fuel, and preventing soil erosion.

Background and purpose

The purpose of the EUDR is to counteract the rapidly progressing worldwide deforestation and to reduce the EU's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and global diversity loss – the two most important environmental challenges of our time.

It introduces strict rules for the respective commodities and products, which means that they can't be placed or made available on the EU market or exported unless:

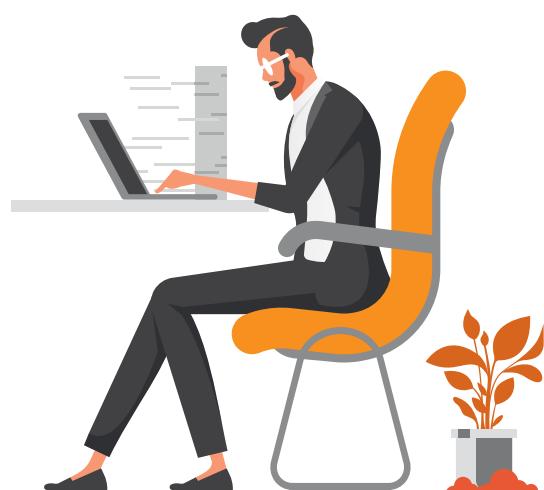
- they're deforestation-free
- they've been produced in accordance with the relevant legislation of the country of production
- they're covered by a due diligence statement.

Who does it affect?

Operators and traders, i.e. every natural or legal person who, in the course of a commercial activity, places relevant products on the market, exports them or makes them available, must comply with the due diligence obligations set out in the EUDR.

A due diligence statement includes:

- Collection of information, data and documents
- Risk assessment measures
- Risk mitigation measures



Commodities and products

	Cattle	Live cattle, meat, leather
	Cocoa	Beans, shells, butter, oil, chocolate
	Coffee	Roasted or decaffeinated, husks, skins
	Oil palm	Nuts, kernels, oil, acid
	Rubber	Natural, compounded, other articles of vulcanised rubber
	Soya	Beans, flour, oil, oilcake
	Wood	Packing cases, printed books, furniture

Risk of non-compliance?

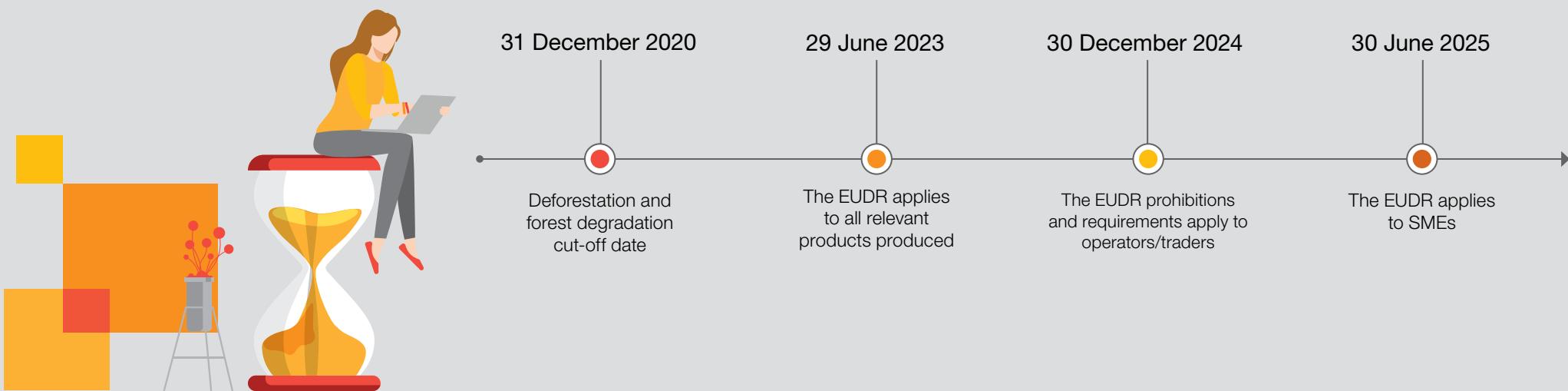
Penalties for non-compliance include:

- Fines (different for raw materials and products) amounting to 4% of the total annual EU-wide turnover
- Confiscation of the relevant products and/or of revenues earned with the relevant products concerned
- Temporary prohibition from placing or making relevant commodities and relevant products available on the market or exporting them

Infringements will be published on the Commission's website (including the name, date of final judgment, summary of infringement activities, nature and amount of penalties).



Timeline



Required information

The following information must be collected to prove that the relevant commodities and products are deforestation-free, produced in accordance with the legislation of the country of production and included in the due diligence statement:

- Operator's name, address and EORI
- HS code, including description, trade name / full scientific name, quantity
- Country of production
- Geolocation of all plots of land
- Name, postal address and email of all suppliers and customers
- Adequately conclusive and verifiable information that the relevant products are deforestation-free and have been produced in accordance with respective legislation
- Respective reference number (in case of existing due diligence statement)

Records must be kept for five years and be presented to the competent authority if requested. What's more, a risk assessment must be conducted and risk mitigation measures must be taken. These must be documented and reviewed at least once a year.

Operators must carry out due diligence before placing relevant products on the market or exporting them. Traders must perform due diligence before trading relevant products on the market.



The due diligence statement must be submitted via the information system before importing to and exporting from the EU. In addition, it must include the following text and signature:

'By submitting this due diligence statement the operator confirms that due diligence in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 was carried out and that no or only a negligible risk was found that the relevant products do not comply with Article 3, point (a) or (b), of that Regulation.'

'Signed for and on behalf of:

Date:

Name and function: Signature:'

What do you need to do?



Operator or trader

Assess whether you qualify as an operator or trader according to the EUDR and whether you import, trade or export on the EU market.



Commodities and products

Check whether your products fall within the scope of the EUDR (based on commodity codes).



Data check

Check the availability and quality of required information, data and documents. Review your supply chain.



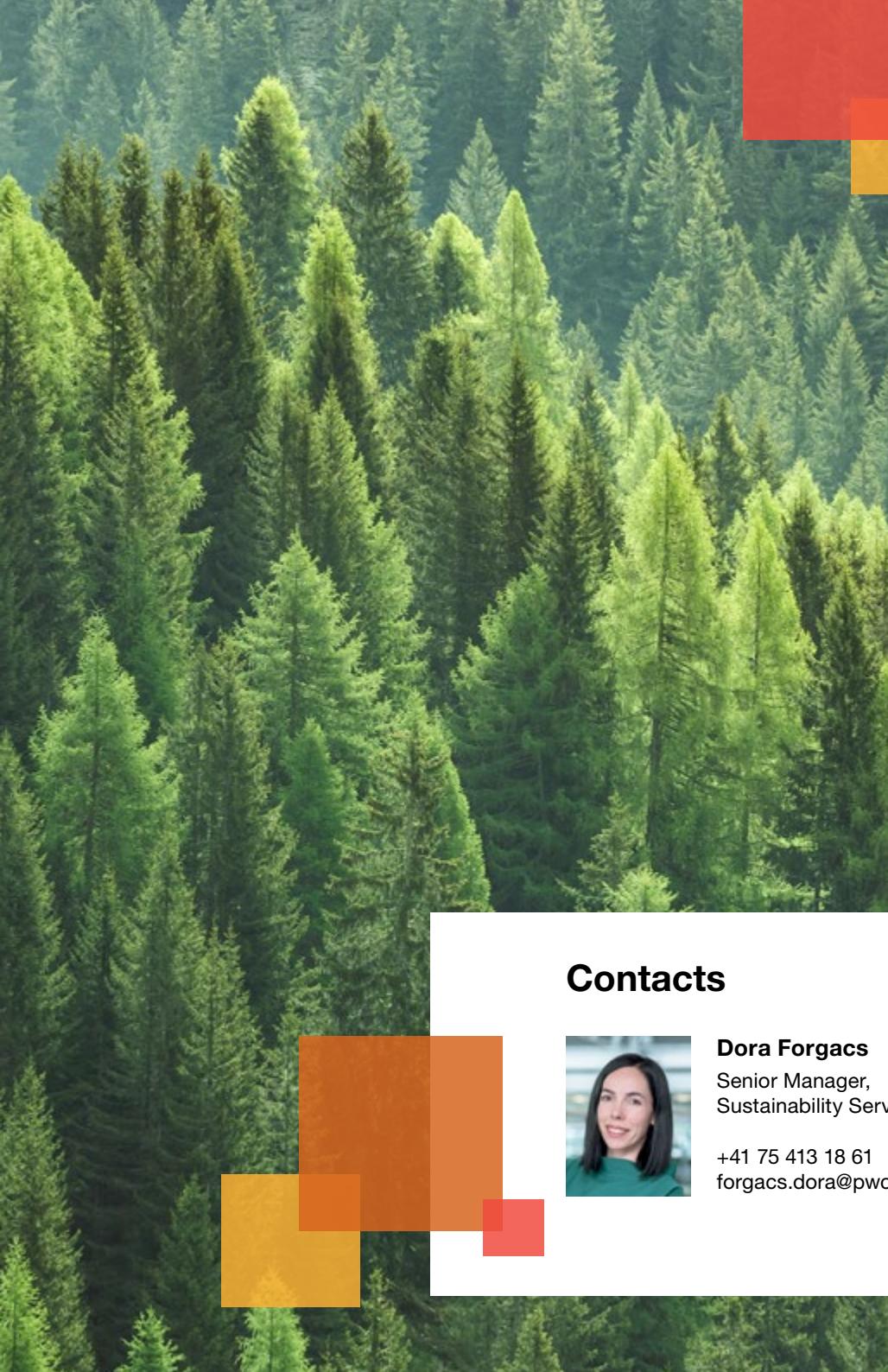
Due diligence system

Establish and implement a due diligence system by 30 December 2024.



Yearly review

Carry out a yearly review of the due diligence system to detect any changes or new developments that could impact the assessment.



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How can we support you?



Impact assessment:

Support with conducting an impact assessment to identify whether or not a client falls within the scope of the EUDR, i.e. qualifies as an operator or trader and trades affected commodities or relevant products.



Data gathering process:

Support with identifying the required information, data and documents as well as setting up a process to develop resource-saving approaches right from the start.



Governance model and control framework:

Support with setting up a governance model for complying with the due diligence obligations laid down in the EUDR. Implementation of a control framework for yearly reviews and preparation for audits.



Supply chain redesign:

Support with setting up a sustainable supply chain and adapting distribution processes in order to comply with the respective regulations.