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Applicable to
Cocoa and Coffee Farm Certificate Holders opting for EUDR Alignment.

Policies complement and/or supersede related rules or requirements for the parties they are applicable to.

More information

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OVERVIEW OF KEY CHANGES

Overview of key adaptations in this document

SA-P-SD-2-V1.2 Rainforest Alliance Policy: Alignment with the European Union Deforestation Regulations (EUDR) published 11th October 2024,

compared to

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Section	Change
2. Requirements for Farms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">EUDR1 clarified: farm unit relevant for the regulation.
2. Requirements for Farms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">EUDR5: new requirement added on no conversion of forests post EUDR cut-off date.

Overview of key adaptations of

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Section	Change
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clarity on Minor Conversion.
Requirements for Farms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">EUDR4 updated; fees, royalties and other charges deleted for clarity.



1. Introduction

The European Union (EU) has introduced the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), which includes requirements on deforestation for a range of products that are imported into the EU. The requirements of the EUDR need to be met by December 30, 2024. For products Rainforest Alliance certifies, the EUDR currently impacts cocoa and coffee.

The Rainforest Alliance has set up systems to support producers and supply chain actors to meet the requirements of the EUDR. In addition to the Rainforest Alliance's standard requirements that already align with the EUDR, four self-selected requirements have been introduced to cover aspects of the EUDR that were not fully aligned. These requirements are only applicable to Farm Certificate Holders. Additionally, Farm Certificate Holders opting to use the Rainforest Alliance's EUDR processes cannot make use of any of the Minor Conversion provisions outlined in [Annex Chapter 6: Environment](#).

Certified farms can choose to implement these additional requirements and have these covered in their audits to support actors further down their supply chains to comply with the EUDR and continue selling their products on the EU market. For further information, please refer to the webpage <https://www.rainforest-alliance.org/business/certification/how-the-rainforest-alliance-supports-eudr-compliance-from-farm-to-retailer/>.

2. Requirements for Farms

Farm Certificate Holders can choose the self-selected EUDR requirements during their registration in the Rainforest Alliance Certification Platform (RACP). These requirements are added on top of the Standard requirements. In groups, group management is responsible to cover the requirements for all small and large farms.

If the Farm Certificate Holder passes the Rainforest Alliance audit and all EUDR requirements, this is made visible in the List of Certified Farms on the Rainforest Alliance website.

The requirements for alignment with the EUDR are:

No.	Additional Requirement	Group Certification			Ind. Cert
		Small farms	Large farms	Group management	S/L
EUDR1	Polygons are available for farm units 4ha and above producing the EUDR relevant commodity. All other farm units used in producing the EUDR relevant commodity have at least a geolocation point.		✓	✓	✓
EUDR2	Geolocation data for both points and polygons must have 6 decimals.		✓	✓	✓



No.	Additional Requirement	Group Certification			Ind. Cert
		Small farms	Large farms	Group management	S/L
EUDR3	Management implements measures to prevent and address potential cases of corruption (including bribery and extortion), fraud and nepotism by: - A written public statement that is communicated to group members/workers and supply chain partners - Training of management and workers/group members to raise awareness of possible forms, at least annually - Taking measures to avoid, and to remediate cases		✓	✓	✓
EUDR4	Management shows evidence of payment of all applicable taxes associated with the area of production as prescribed by local laws and regulations.		✓	✓	✓
EUDR5	Forests have not been converted into agricultural production or other land uses after December 31 st , 2020.	✓	✓		✓

3. Data sharing

Rainforest Alliance may share information regarding compliance with the above requirements, including geolocation data and deforestation risk assessments, under the EUDR Data Sharing Policy.