

## **EUDR compliance statement**

### **Preparedness and partnership for deforestation-free trade**

The European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), which replaces the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR), has been formally delayed by one year and is now scheduled to apply from 30 December 2026 for large and medium operators, and 30 June 2027 for micro and small operators. The regulation is designed to ensure that the manufacture and trade of commodities, including paper and pulp, do not contribute to deforestation or forest degradation. It imposes strict due diligence obligations on companies that place these products on the EU market.

At Premier Paper Group (PPG), encompassing Premier Paper, Premier GPMI, WBC and PPB, we remain fully committed to environmental responsibility and sustainable sourcing. Whilst we continue to comply with UKTR and EUTR, we are actively preparing for full EUDR compliance well in advance of the revised enforcement deadlines, ensuring no disruption to your business operations or those of your customers.

### **Product origins**

Most products supplied by Premier Paper Group originate within the EU. These products will therefore be subject to upstream EUDR due diligence and registered within the EU's TRACES system by our suppliers prior to sale. Relevant Reference Numbers (RN) and Verification Numbers (VN) will be provided to Premier at the point of purchase and securely stored within our ERP system, enabling us to provide this information to customers on demand.

For non-EU suppliers, we will similarly require the provision of RN and VN data to ensure that appropriate due diligence has been undertaken, even where goods are not initially placed on the EU market. This information will be securely retained so it can be made available to customers as required.

### **Key updates and simplifications**

- Revised Application Dates: EUDR now applies from 30 December 2026 for large and medium operators, and 30 June 2027 for micro and small operators.
- Simplified obligations for downstream businesses: Only the first downstream operator placing a product on the EU market is required to collect and retain the DDS reference number; it does not need to be passed further along the supply chain.
- Exports outside the EU: Downstream operators exporting relevant products no longer need to include a DDS reference number in customs declarations.

- Printed products removed from scope: Certain printed products, including books, newspapers and printed images (HS code 49), are no longer in scope.
- Further simplification under review: The European Commission will review EUDR simplification measures, with a report expected by 30 April 2026.

### **Our commitments**

- EUDR-Ready Ahead of Deadlines: We are on track to be fully compliant well before the revised enforcement dates. Our due diligence systems have been upgraded to meet all EUDR requirements.
- Trusted Technology Partner – Interu (iov42): In partnership with Interu, we are implementing a robust traceability platform to manage all EUDR-required data, including geolocation, risk assessment, and mitigation records. This enables structured, auditable data flows to support both our compliance and yours.
- Certified Responsible Sourcing: All relevant products meet recognised sustainable sourcing standards, including FSC® and PEFC certifications as part of our Due Diligence System (DDS). Our compliance extends across UKTR, EUTR, and future EUDR obligations.
- Full Supply Chain Transparency: Regardless of whether products originate in EUDR low-risk or standard-risk countries, our systems will trace relevant materials and provide Reference and Verification Numbers where applicable.

### **What this means to you, our customers**

- You can continue to source from Premier Paper Group with confidence, knowing we are proactively preparing for the updated EUDR timelines.
- When the EUDR comes into force, we will collect, store, and provide all relevant DDS reference numbers where required, helping you meet any compliance obligations easily. As things stand today, our suppliers are not ordinarily supplying EUDR information to us (as they are not required to do so until January 2027); however, we may be able to obtain the relevant details on request.
- Administrative burdens for downstream operators are reduced, and exports of relevant products no longer require a DDS reference number in customs declarations.
- Certain printed products, including books, newspapers, and printed images, are no longer in scope, simplifying compliance for these items.



- Our teams remain available to provide support, guidance, and the information you need to ensure your supply chains remain deforestation-free.

**Together, we continue to build transparent, responsible, and sustainable supply chains.**

If you have any questions or require further support, please contact your local Premier Paper Group representative.

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