



Dear Customers,

The incoming EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) is set to reshape businesses involved in forest-risk commodities, requiring them to adapt their supply chain practices to meet strict criteria for traceability and sustainability. Improving due diligence aims to enhance a business's reputation by aligning with regulation, consumer demand and improving business efficiency.

These regulations have been introduced to address environmental concerns such as deforestation, forest degradation and climate change. By engaging with our suppliers and other elements of our supply chain, International Panel Products can contribute to global conservation efforts and gain a competitive edge by positioning ourselves as market-leaders in sustainability, attracting conscientious consumers and other stakeholders. Proactive integration of these measures also mitigates legal risks and fosters a more sustainable future.

The EUDR will be enforced from 31st December 2025, covering a wide range of commodities sourced from 'forests' such as timber and wood products. The EUDR will replace the existing EUTR; this regulation has been in place since 2013 to ensure timber supply chains are from legal forest sources, aiming to encourage sustainable harvesting, and supporting global forest governance. The EUDR adds several critical requirements such as the forest source geolocation (in GeoJSON format) for each shipment, the date of harvest and verifiable evidence that the product is deforestation and forest degradation free. Although the EUDR does not apply in the UK, any UK business that intends to export wood-based products to Northern Ireland (NI) or EU States will need to consider the implications of the EUDR before taking an order.

Our two 3rd party partners, Track Record Global and EnviroSense, have been working to collect data and undertakings from our supply chain partners. Meeting the EUDR requirements is an extension of International Panel Products's already well-established due diligence system.

Unfortunately, as the information is not yet clear around the EUDR, we cannot be sure how the system will work in practice from 1st January 2026 but what we do know is that all products must have a DDS approval number from the EU 'TRACES' system, before we will be able to customs clear the goods into the EU (including Northern Ireland). In the light of this information, we ask you to anticipate the potential for longer lead times when you place your orders.

Signed on behalf of International Panel Products

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