



EU Deforestation Regulation

This document is intended for present and prospective users of the Global Sustainable Enterprise System. The goal of this document is to briefly describe EUDR and to explain the alignment between EUDR and GSES.

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About GSES

Who We Are

GSES is a holistic sustainability rating system, helping organizations make sustainable choices. It measures, benchmarks and externally verifies the sustainability performance of organisations, physical products and assets worldwide.

What We Do

The GSES platform uses the Global Sustainable Enterprise Standard as a universal language to measure sustainability. This standard is an overarching meta-standard, translating more than 500 widely accepted standards and certificates into KPI's making them measurable and comparable.

Our Mission

With the goal of simplifying the sustainability certification landscape and working against greenwashing, GSES works from the ground up – verifying and rewarding existing efforts and showing room for improvement.

Our Vision

Our vision is a world where sustainability is not just a goal, but a well-defined path that guides every organization towards responsible and ethical practices. We envision a future where companies, governments, and individuals have access to clear, transparent, and actionable guidelines for achieving sustainability, without the burden of complexity and ambiguity.



What is the EUDR ?

What?

EUDR applies to you if you place on the EU market or export from the EU: palm oil, cattle, soy, coffee, cocoa, timber, and rubber as well as derived products (such as beef, furniture, or chocolate). The regulation applies for any quantity of product, large or small, and includes all channels of sale.

The European Commission's country benchmarking will categorize countries as low risk, standard risk, and high risk. The benchmarking will reflect the risk of producing products which are not deforestation-free. The national institution in charge in each EU country must check products from high-risk countries more often than low-risk countries.

What will entrepreneurs have to do to meet the requirements?

When importing and exporting products, entrepreneurs must:

- Collect information and data about where the products come from: the regulation requires operators and traders which are not SMEs to collect the geographic coordinates of the plots of land from which the commodities were sourced.
- Collect information about the producer and traders in the chain.
- Provide documents and declarations to customs, including an annual due diligence statement which assesses risk and includes risk mitigation measures.

EUDR Compliance in the Netherlands

Compliance in the Netherlands is enforced by the Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA). The NVWA checks the (digital) documents required by EUDR for reliability and traceability of product/s at point of import. For example, the NVWA assesses whether the information about a batch of products is reliable.



Why?

By promoting the consumption of 'deforestation-free' products and reducing the EU's impact on global deforestation and forest degradation, EUDR is expected to bring down greenhouse gas emissions and biodiversity loss.

For whom?

Under the Regulation, any operator or trader who places affected commodities on the EU market, or exports from it, must be able to prove that the products do not originate from recently deforested land (after 31 December 2020) or have contributed to forest degradation. The EU Observatory has produced an advisory global forest map that operators and traders may use to help determine application of the regulation.

When?

Rules will begin to apply for medium and large-sized operators and traders on 31 December 2025, and for SMEs and sole proprietorships on 30 June 2026.



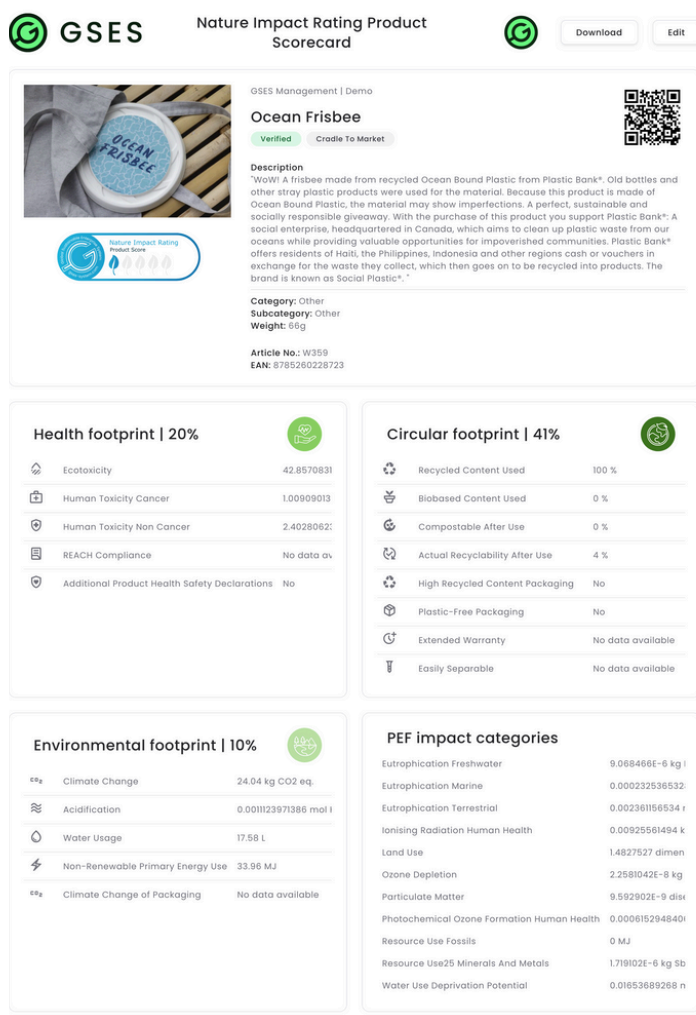
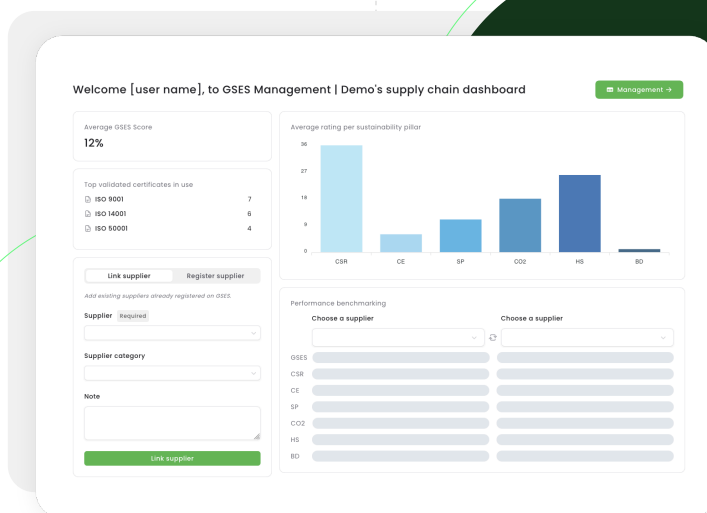
How can GSES help?

With GSES, you can manage your products and supply chain, monitor your supply chain and product's portfolio for sustainability metrics and certificates.

Features to boost your preparation for EUDR

Supply Chain Sustainability

Engage with your suppliers on sustainability and invite them to complete GSES assessments or develop a custom assessment for your suppliers to complete. Use the GSES Biodiversity Pillar Assessment to gain an overview on your suppliers' engagement with biodiversity, including deforestation.



Digital Product Passport (DPP)

Use the Digital Product Passport module to collect and report on your chain of custody, including the location of manufacturing and assembly of all raw materials within your product. Read our DPP white paper for more information.



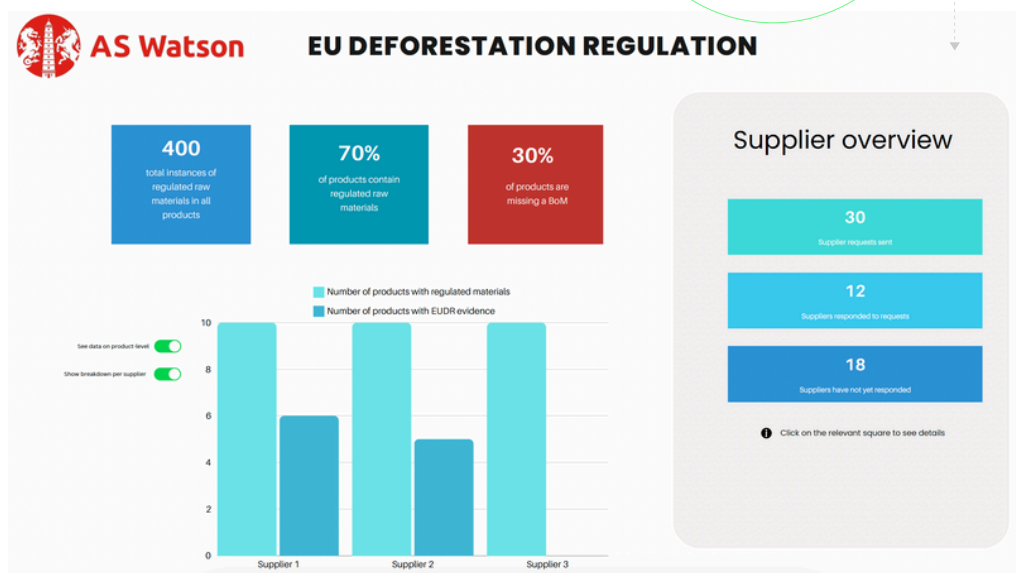
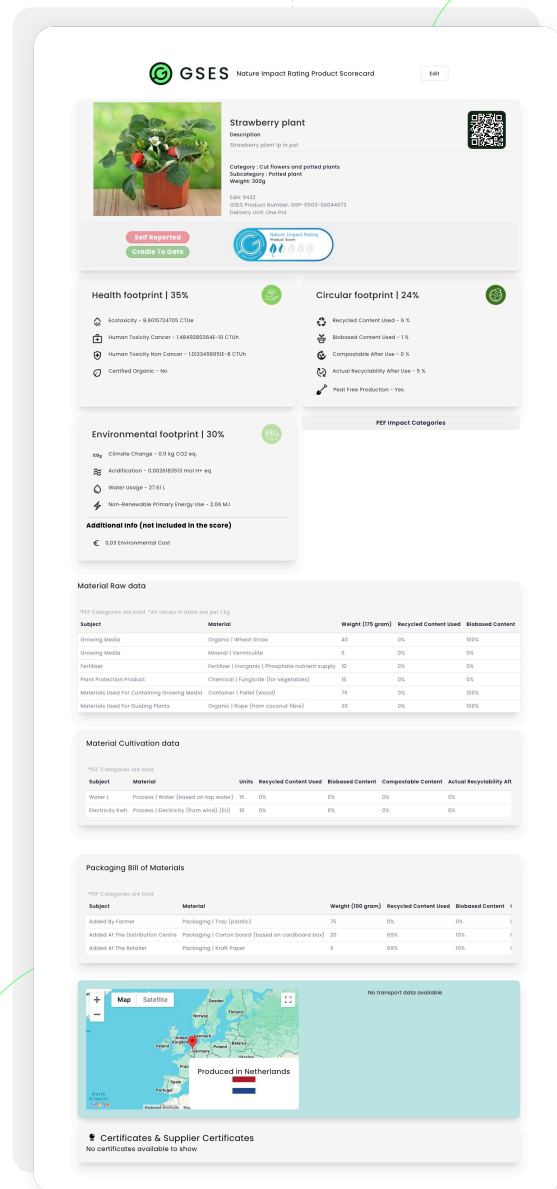
Product Module

Streamline the collection of your products' bill of materials via the GSES Product Module. Invite your supplier to fill in product forms, including product-related certificates such as FSC. Get an overview of what certificates you have or might need related to EUDR, and assess your products' materials use.

EUDR Dashboard

GSES is developing a comprehensive EUDR Dashboard designed to help our clients easily identify which products may be at risk under EUDR and monitor ongoing communication with suppliers to address these challenges.

The dashboard will feature intuitive graphs, detailed product insights, and a supplier overview, ensuring that your entire team remains informed, proactive, and aligned on how EUDR could potentially impact your business operations.



Get your EUDR third party verified



Independent Verification

At GSES we have partnered up with independent certification institutions/accountants. By incorporating third party verification through our partnership with Audit Independer, GSES ensures that there is no room for greenwashing or any other false claims.

All scorecards on the GSES platform will be independently verified by one of our trusted partner institutions.





Sources

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https://green-business.ec.europa.eu/deforestation-regulation-implementation_en#frequently-asked-questions

Useful links

European Commission's country benchmarking system for EUDR:

https://green-business.ec.europa.eu/deforestation-regulation-implementation/benchmarking-partnerships_en

Questionnaire from the NVWA that tells you whether you are affected by EUDR:

<https://www.nvwa.nl/onderwerpen/eudr-ontbossingsverordening/regelhulp-eudr>

Get in **touch!**

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