EUDR deployment guide

How TimberID Can Assist You In Getting Compliant?

What It Takes To Be Ready?

About

The Timber ID Platform is a cutting-edge solution specifically engineered to streamline and enhance EUDR compliance management for timber supply chains. Developed by renowned forest industry specialists and leading experts in traceability and data management, this platform integrates deep forest industry knowledge with sophisticated technology to offer a comprehensive compliance toolkit.

Q: What are the challenges to import wooden products to the EU market?

The implementation of the European Union’s Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) presents several challenges for importers of wooden products. First, importers must ensure full traceability of their products back to their source, proving that the wood does not come from deforested or degraded land after 2020. This requires sophisticated systems for tracking and verifying the entire supply chain back to the harvesting plot, which can be costly and complex especially in high-risk countries.

Second, compliance with the EUDR mandates extensive documentation and due diligence, adding administrative burdens and potentially delaying shipments if not properly prepared. Additionally, the regulation enforces strict penalties for non-compliance, posing significant financial risks to businesses that fail to meet the required standards. Platform solutions that help businesses to comply and facilitate data collection, risk assessment and risk mitigation are essential to handle these efforts. Timber ID platform provides you an economic solution that helps you fulfil your EUDR compliance challenges.
Q: Do I have to mark each log for EUDR?

A. Traceability is crucial, encompassing not only data on the origin of the logs but also their physical traceability, especially in regions with high risks of deforestation, forest degradation, or legality issues. The Timber ID Platform offers an open SaaS platform adaptable to various traceability solutions. A digital delivery note forms the foundation for documenting transactions (e.g. From the forest to the sawmill or between traders).

This digital note can be enhanced with suitable physical traceability details, such as Timber ID fingerprinting, hammer marking, or simple photo documentation all linked to GPS coordinates. It’s also possible to integrate it with traceability systems from governmental or other private third-party providers. Therefore, marking each log could be a necessary risk mitigation measure in specific high-risk scenarios. In low-risk scenarios pure data traceability might be sufficient. The Timber ID Platform is helping in both scenarios.

Q: What happens to non-compliant material in your supply chain?

The EUDR mandates that as an initial action in cases of non-compliance, incriminated products must be physically withdrawn from the market and any substantiated concerns must be communicated to the product’s customers.

Traceability, as facilitated by Timber ID solutions, enables the ex-post identification of non-compliant materials, significantly reducing the risk of fines or reputational damage among a company’s customer base. This proactive approach helps ensure compliance and maintains trust in business operations.
Q: How TimberID solves the data protection, security and privacy issues?

TimberID collects essential information as mandated by the EUDR, including geolocation, and harvesting dates. It tracks transactions with a digital delivery note and if needed with physical GPS based traceability features. It supports unified risk assessments (done individually by customers or collectively by groups of users – e.g. certified companies) and the implementation of standardised risk mitigation measures (Due Diligence System). Documentation is securely uploaded and shared only during inspections or due diligence audits conducted by downstream traders or third parties. The system is effective both within the EU and in regions outside the EU where the EU information systems is lacking, ensuring comprehensive compliance and traceability.

Q: What is the TimberID acquisition model?

TimberID platform is accessible on a customised modest annual license fee and a Pay-As-You-Use variable fees based on costs of the file storages and transfers. No use? No charges. This makes it ideal and affordable for a SMEs, having seasonal operation’s needs, allowing to keep the costs under control. Large customers are adapting the usage of our platform’s functionalities on an admin level to manage the related costs.
Q: How a forest plot deforestation report is being provided?

A satellite imagery check of a forest plot serves as a valuable risk mitigation measure, particularly when it includes thorough analysis going beyond the prevalence of tree cover. The baseline year for these checks is set at 2020. When integrated with traceability solutions like those offered by TimberID, these satellite checks become a powerful tool in effectively preventing deforestation or forest degradation risks. TimberID is using the European sentinel data for the analysis.

Q: Why can TimberID serve as your Due Diligence System?

Timber ID Platform provides you the possibility to tailor your risk assessments for various countries, coupled with dynamic risk mitigation strategies that are pivotal for creating detailed and dependable documentation of your compliance efforts. These strategies are underpinned by our platform’s capability to facilitate audits that cover entire supply chains right down to the individual forest plot, all while upholding the highest standards of data protection.

The platform features a unique bottom-up approach that cleverly distributes the workload and financial burden of due diligence across all stakeholders in the supply chain, ensuring both fairness, quality and efficiency. TimberID platform automates the generation of audit reports, which not only reduces administrative overhead but also provides irrefutable evidence of diligent compliance activities.
Q: How traceability processes are being handled by TimberID?

Timber ID Platform is equipped with state-of-the-art integration features for various traceability technologies, including digital fingerprinting, unique coding systems, and advanced image recognition where needed. This ensures that every piece of timber is tracked via unalterable GPS data, crucial for verifying EUDR compliance and implementing effective mitigation strategies in high-risk areas. The creation of a digital delivery note, as well as the verifications, is adding a simple and efficient shipment process with a geolocation data trace proof, confirmable on receipt.

Q: How TimberID is approaching the country specifics, as well as international trade requirements?

Timber ID Platform allows for country specific risk mitigation approaches including the tailored implementation of meaningful risk mitigation measures. A collaboration with a renowned compliance database provider allows for compliance with trade restrictions (sanctions) throughout the whole supply chain.
Q: How TimbeID is solving integration and data flow with 3rd party management systems?

TimberID offers robust API connectivity that facilitates seamless integration and customization with existing ERP systems and other customer platforms. Additionally, it provides automated connectivity with the EU TRACES system, enabling the automatic issuance of legally required due diligence statements for imports, exports, and product distribution within the market (non-SME traders). Support for data file imports and exports is also included, enhancing operational flexibility and efficiency.

Q: Isn’t it enough to be certified for PEFC or FSC to fulfil the EUDR Due Diligence Requirements?

No. The European Commission clearly states that certification schemes can be used by supply chain members to help their risk assessment to the extent the certification covers the information needed to comply with their obligations under the Regulation. Operators and traders which are not SMEs will still be required to exercise due diligence and they will remain responsible for any breach.
No. Running a European Union Timber Regulation (EUTR) Due Diligence System is beneficial for compliance with the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). However, there are notable differences between the two regulations, particularly in terms of information collection, compliance checks, the extent of due diligence required, and risk assessment procedures. These differences include obligations such as collecting geocoordinates of harvesting plots, incorporating deforestation assessments in the due diligence process, and issuing due diligence statements for each import or initial market placement, export or intra-community sales process, just to mention a few.