

Specific Guidance for the ProTerra Standard v5.0 to assess compliance with EUDR
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The ProTerra Foundation has issued specific guidance for organisations, certification bodies and auditors to support the implementation and assessment of compliance with the EUDR for those specific commodities covered by the regulations and for those situations where the requirements of ProTerra v5.0 do not appear to be explicitly related to the EUDR.

Applicability

The guidance described in this document is applicable where:

- A commodity or product is listed under the EUDR Regulation, **and**
- The said commodity or product is relevant to the European market

Specific guidance for EUDR

Table 1 below shows the specific guidance to assess compliance with EUDR

ProTerra Requirements	Specific guidance for EUDR Compliance
<p>1.4.1 Levels II and III - Certified organisations must implement and maintain a Managements System for its supply chain that includes risk assessment and mitigation approaches and measures.</p>	<p>For companies exporting to or operating in Europe, compliance with EU Regulation on deforestation free commodities, risk assessment and mitigation, and communication requirements with the supply chain will be checked as part of the ProTerra audit.</p>
<p>9.4.5 Levels I, II and III - The certified organisation shall collect, organise and retain the required information in relation to the legal requirements of the importing country or as requested by the buyer for a period of 5 years from the date of placing on the market.</p>	<p>For companies exporting to or operating in Europe, this information shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •description, including the trade name and type of the crop/product being certified, the product description shall include the list of relevant commodities or relevant products contained therein or used to make those products; •quantity (expressed in net mass or, when applicable, volume, or number of units) of the crop/product; •identification of the country, region and area of production; •geolocation of all plots of land where the crop/product were produced as well as date or time range of production. Where a product contains or has been made with crop/product produced in different plots of land, the geolocation of all different plots of land shall be included.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •name, email and address of any business or person from whom they have been supplied with the crop or products; •name, email and address of any business or person to whom the crop or products have been supplied; •adequately conclusive and verifiable information that the relevant crop or products are deforestation-free (e.g. a certification statement from a qualified independent party); •adequately conclusive and verifiable information that the production of a crop or product has been conducted in accordance with the relevant legislation of the country of production, including the right to use the respective area for the purposes of the production of the crop/product (e.g. a certification statement from a qualified independent party).
<p>PRINCIPLE 10: Traceability and Chain of Custody</p>	<p>The EUDR requires that the commodities used for all products falling under the scope be traceable to the plot of land. Mass balance chains of custody that allow for the mixing, at any step of the supply chain, of deforestation-free commodities with commodities of unknown origin or non-deforestation free commodities are not allowed under the Regulation.</p>