

Table 2– ProTerra V5.0 and EUDR (based on information available in January 2025)

| EUDR | ProTerra Standard Version 5.0 |
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| <p>Article 1: Subject matter and scope</p> | <p>PT V5 is applicable to all agricultural commodities, including several of the products listed in the Regulation with the exception of cattle and wood. ProTerra also applies to "relevant products" as it covers the feed and food supply chain of agricultural commodities, including industrial processing.</p> |
| <p>Article 3: Prohibition</p> | <p>PT V5 certification covers regulatory compliance and sustainability criteria related to the key risks associated with agricultural activities, including deforestation. A certified organisation therefore meets the requirements of Article 3 in relation to the commodities and products they buy.</p> <p>Principle 1 of ProTerra requires compliance with laws, international conventions and the ProTerra Standard. Principle 4 includes requirements associated with biodiversity conservation, effective environmental management, and environmental services while Principles 2 and 3 include requirements associated with human rights and community relations.</p> <p>Finally, under Principle 1, certified organisations shall ensure that suppliers of core inputs and services are compliant with the ProTerra Standard requirements, meaning that legal compliance, biodiversity conservation among other topics, are deployed throughout the supply chain.</p> |
| <p>Article 4: Obligations of operators</p> | <p>PT V5 has a requirement that operators maintain a chain of custody system (CoC) which is a relevant tool for communication and product/commodity compliance down throughout the supply chain. The ProTerra CoC system has provisions for a segregated chain of custody. Refer to Principle 10: Traceability and Chain of Custody.</p> |
| <p>Article 5: Obligations of traders</p> | <p>PT V5 is applicable to farmers (Level I); traders, storage and transport (Level II); and processors (Level III), covering, therefore, the entire supply chain as needed. Additionally, it has traceability and chain of custody requirements under Principle 10.</p> |
| <p>Article 8: Due diligence</p> | <p>The implementation of the requirements under ProTerra helps to identify gaps and prepare for the due diligence. Additionally, the ProTerra certification audit is a due diligence assessment conducted by an independent and duly qualified third party that covers regulatory compliance and sustainability criteria related to the key risks associated with agricultural activities.</p> <p>The audit report and the PT V5 Certificate are evidence of the due diligence carried out in relation to the commodity/product intended for commercialisation in Europe. By holding a valid PT V5 Certification an economic operator is eligible to create and submit a due diligence statement as required by the Regulation considering that the commodity/product complies with the requirements of Article 3.</p> |
| <p>Article 9: Information requirement</p> | <p>PT V5 certified organisations collect, organise and retain for 5 years, from the date of placing on the market, a set of information, if the product is intended for or produced in the European Union, that fully complies with the requirements of Article 9 (please refer to indicator 9.4.5 and the Specific guidance for EUDR), this includes geolocation of the plot of land and the geo-coordinates of the areas under certification.</p> |
| <p>Article 10: Risk assessment</p> | <p>PT V5 explicitly provides for the need for a risk assessment and requires compliance with EUDR under this topic (refer to indicator 1.4.1). As per the Specific guidance for EUDR, for companies exporting to or operating in Europe compliance with EU regulations 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>Article 11: Risk mitigation</p> | <p>Where organisations identify risks, PT V5 certification and the corrective action plan are understood as a risk mitigation measure and therefore PT V5 supports organisations in achieving compliance with this aspect of the EUDR.¹</p> |

¹ For details of the assessment approach please refer to item 6.3 "Certification Audit" and item 6.5 "Non-conformities and Corrective Actions" of the ProTerra Certification Protocol.