

FSC & EUDR: INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT CONFIRMS STRONG ALIGNMENT



ASI (Assurance Services International) benchmarking confirms: **FSC** (Forest Stewardship Council) provides the tools companies need to meet **EUDR** (EU deforestation regulation) requirements.

SCHEMES CAN SUPPORT EUDR COMPLIANCE - IF THEY ARE ALIGNED



The EUDR requires companies placing forest products such as wood and rubber on the EU market to ensure they are legal and deforestation-free.



The European Commission's Guidance advises that if companies use certification schemes as evidence in EUDR risk assessments, they must first confirm the scheme aligns with EUDR requirements.

FSC SHOWS STRONG ALIGNMENT WITH EUDR

ASI benchmarked FSC against EUDR guidance document and found:



FSC core certification already meets most EUDR criteria, including:

- ✓ Third-party verification
- ✓ Strong transparency (public certificate database)
- ✓ No mixing of unknown-origin materials
- ✓ Mechanisms for reporting and addressing issues

Minor gaps remain, mainly temporary, linked to ongoing normative framework revisions. Once the transition is completed, FSC's core certification will mostly align with EUDR.



FSC Regulatory Module is already fully aligned with EUDR

- ✓ Regulatory Module is a voluntary add-on for FSC CoC, FSC Forest Management, FSC Controlled FM and FSC Project Certification
- ✓ Collects geolocation & production date
- ✓ Ensures deforestation-free supply chains
- ✓ Risk assessment & mitigation
- ✓ EUDR-aligned definitions (deforestation, legality)
- ✓ FSC Certification – The best starting point.



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ASI BENCHMARKED FSC AGAINST THE EUDR GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

ASI assessed FSC against the three key categories outlined in the EU Guidance Document regarding third-party verification schemes:

Category	Criterion	FSC core Certification	With Regulatory Module
 1. The relevant standards – Are FSC rules aligned with EUDR?	1.1 Certificate Validity & Scope	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	1.2 Legal Compliance & Cut-off Date	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	1.3 Risk Assessment (legality & deforestation)	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	1.4 Traceability & Geolocation	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	1.5 Mixing Rules	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	1.6 Mass Balance Prohibition	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	1.7 Conclusive Evidence	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
 2. Implementation – Are they applied effectively?	2.1 Governance Transparency	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	2.2 Public Database Access	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	2.3 Independent Checks	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	2.4 Origin Control	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	2.5 Volume Verification	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	2.6 Clear claims & labels	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	2.7 Scheme Issue Reports	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	2.8 Producer Issue Reports	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
 3. Governance – Is the system credible and transparent?	3.1 Conflict of Interest	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	3.2 Fraud Controls	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	3.3 ISO Compliance	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	3.4 Sanctions & Corrective Actions	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	3.5 Stakeholder Inclusion	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●
	3.6 Auditor Independence	● ● ● ●	● ● ● ●

Summary of FSC's alignment with the EUDR guidance document

Source: Report: ASI Assessment of the Forest Stewardship Council's (FSC) Alignment with the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) Guidance Document, ASI, August 2025

Legend: ● Fully Aligned ● Mostly Aligned ● Partly Aligned ● Not Aligned
 ● Fully Aligned when Transition Complete

FSC ALIGNED FOR EUDR: COMPLIANCE FOR NOW + AGILITY FOR WHAT'S NEXT



As a certification holder, you're not just meeting EUDR regulations – you're exceeding them. Your efforts mirror FSC's vision to protect the world's forests for future generations by advancing sustainable and transparent supply chains.

You're operating at the highest level of responsible forest stewardship. This keeps you agile enough to tackle what's next, knowing your sustainability bases are covered in the face of dynamic, changing legislations.

FSC certificate holders are contributing to the fight against deforestation and degradation, earning customer trust in the process.



Access the FSC Aligned for EUDR solution to build agility while meeting compliance: www.fsc.org/EUDR

