



FEFPEB customer information statement on the Deforestation Regulation (EU) 2023 / 1115

FEFPEB is the representative and recognized European trade federation for the wooden pallet and packaging industry.

Wood Packaging Material include pallets, Industrial Packaging and Light Weight Packaging, supplying 90% of global supply chain transport

The industry prepares itself for the enforcement of the EUDR, Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 on deforestation-free products

Under the regulation, any manufacturer, trader and pallet pools who place wooden pallets and packaging on the EU market, or exports from it, must be able to prove that the wooden packaging do not originate from recently deforested land or have contributed to forest degradation.

[Click here on Regulation on Deforestation-free products - European Commission](#) for the full EUDR dossier

The content and implementation of the EUDR was discussed frequently with the European Commission and FEFPEB was one of the active stakeholders.

The picture has become much sharper and we took on board the impact on the users of Wooden Packaging, our customer market.

Are there any implications or obligations for companies using wooden packaging for the transport of their goods?

- **Packaging is in the scope of the EUDR only when it is placed for the first time on the market or made available in its own right (stand alone packaging), rather than as packaging for support, protection or carrying another product**
- **As soon as the pallet or packaging is used to support , protect or carry another product, it is no longer covered by the EUDR, even if it is listed separately on the invoice of a product or when it is returned by a retailer to its supplier**



- **Once the concerned packaging becomes a packaging material used exclusively as packaging material to support, protect or carry a product, it is then not covered by the scope 27 of the Regulation. This means that selling or renting used packaging material to other companies is not subject to EUDR. Similarly, empty packaging material already used for the first time to support, protect or carry another product, for instance when traded within a closed loop exchange system (i.e., pallets are transferred from one company to another to be reused for transport) is not covered by the Regulation.**

Your suppliers of wooden packaging, depending on whether regarded as SME or non-SME, need to have secured limited information on DDS (Due Diligence Statement) carried out upstream in the wood chain.

This information can be shared with you as esteemed customer

This should give comfort to our customer market that the EUDR does not have any significant consequences or implications for the user of wooden packaging.

FEFPEB companies and pooling organisations support the aims of the EUDR and take their responsibility to respect and comply, as forests are essential for our world!

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