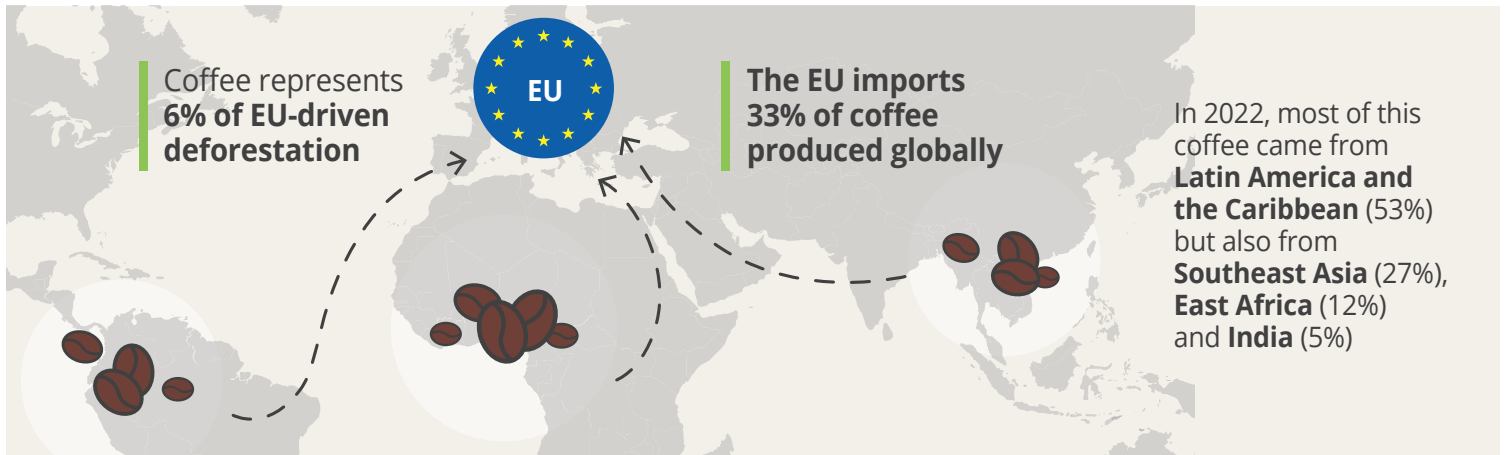
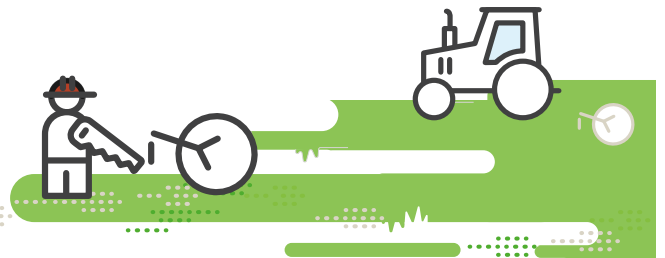


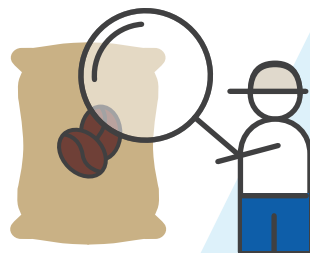


# Unpacking the EU Deforestation Regulation for the coffee sector

**90%** of deforestation is driven by the expansion of agricultural land, contributing to climate change, biodiversity loss, soil erosion and desertification, and hindering sustainable development



The EU is taking action to **minimise the risk that products associated with deforestation enter the EU market** and to increase the demand for deforestation-free products



The **EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)** requires companies to ensure that the products they place on the EU market or export from it are **legal and not associated with deforestation**



Coffee, whether raw, roasted or decaffeinated



Husks and skins  
Coffee substitutes containing coffee in any proportion

**The EUDR does not create a country or product ban**

The EUDR is not discriminatory and will apply to selected products produced in, imported into and exported from the EU

BEEF

**COFFEE**

TIMBER

PALM OIL

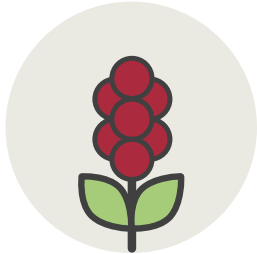
RUBBER

SOY

COCOA


Derived products

Operators will have to comply with the EUDR from **30 December 2026** (mid-2027 for micro and small enterprises)



The EUDR can accelerate progress towards **coffee traceability and sustainability**

To enter the EU, coffee must be

  
**TRACEABLE**

  
**DEFORESTATION FREE**

  
**LEGAL**

Companies placing relevant products on the EU market must collect information showing:

The coffee's origin (plot geolocation\*), suppliers and buyers  
\*GPS point of the plot < 4 ha, or polygons for plots > 4 ha

To be submitted in a due diligence statement

That coffee does not come from land deforested after **31 December 2020**

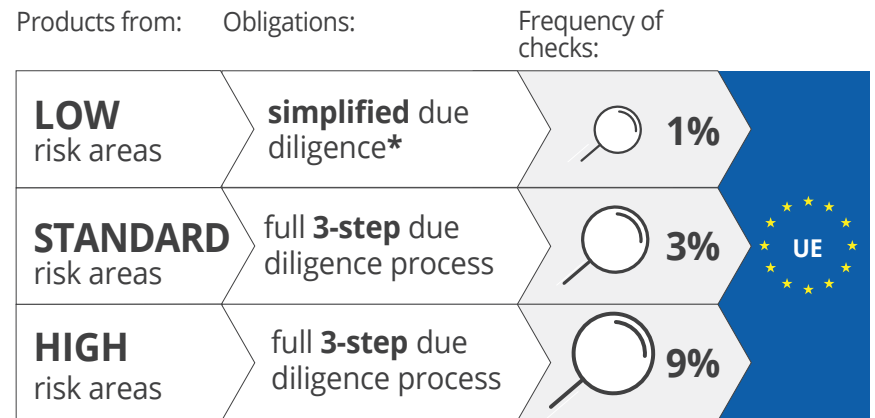
**Deforestation** = conversion of forests into agricultural land, including coffee-agroforestry systems


**What's a forest?**  
The regulation is based on the FAO's definition of forest :  
Cover rate ≥10%  
Height ≥ 5 meters  
Area ≥ 0,5 hectares

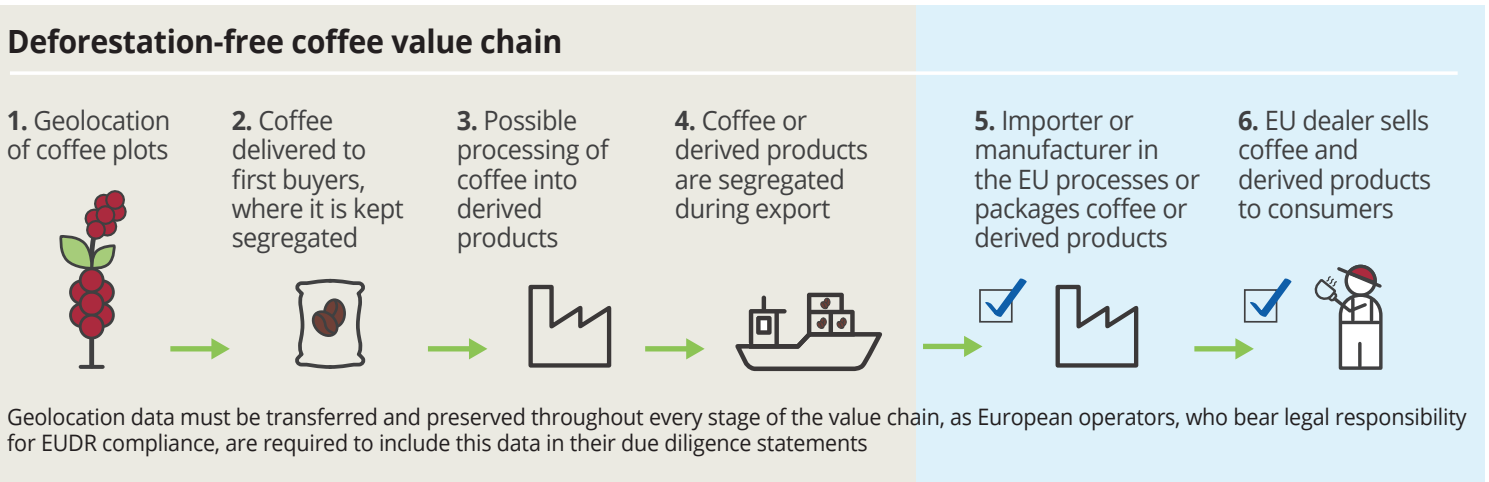
Compliance with the relevant legislation of the country of production, including – when applicable – on land, environment, human rights, third parties' rights, the principle of free, prior and informed consent, labour, trade and customs

Due diligence for companies consists of 3 steps :		
1	Collect evidence that the product is traceable, deforestation-free and legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Assess risks of non-compliance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	If risks have been identified, take action to mitigate them	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

A **benchmarking system** will categorise countries or regions according to **deforestation risk**. The frequency of EU Member States' **checks will vary consequently** :



 \*If companies buy coffee from a **low-risk country**, they only need to carry out the **first step** (except if there are doubts – then all 3 steps need to be undertaken)



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