



# THE EU SUSTAINABLE COCOA PROGRAMME

In Côte d'Ivoire

## Unpacking the EU Deforestation Regulation for the cocoa sector

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



**Cocoa is one of the main drivers of forest loss in Côte d'Ivoire.** The European Union (EU) is a major consumer of cocoa.



**Côte d'Ivoire exports 59%** of the cocoa it produces to the EU

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 not associated with deforestation



The EUDR is expected to enter into application at the end of 2024

- Chocolate
- Paste
- Beans
- Powder
- Butter, fat, oil
- Shells

**The EUDR does not create a country or product ban** It is non-discriminatory and will apply to selected products, either imported or produced in imported into the EU

- CATTLE
- COCOA**
- COFFEE
- PALM OIL
- RUBBER
- SOYA
- WOOD
- Derived products



The EUDR is in line with Côte d'Ivoire's National Sustainable Cocoa Strategy. It will accelerate progress towards cocoa traceability and sustainability

To enter the EU, cocoa must be:

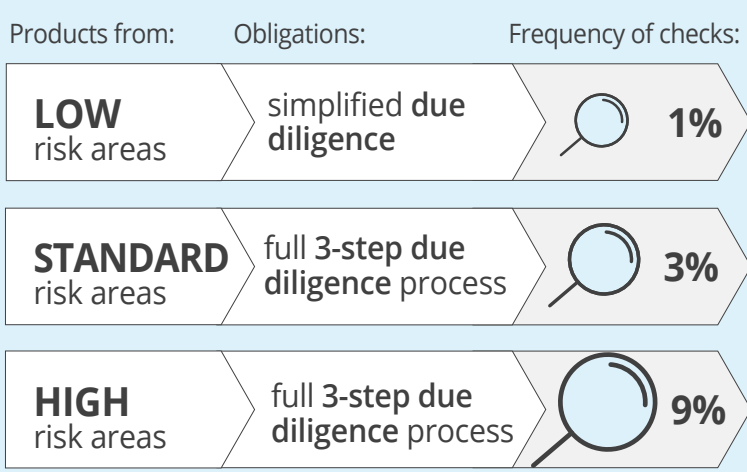
 <b>TRACEABLE</b>	The cocoa's origin (GPS information on plot*), suppliers and buyers *GPS polygons for plots > 4 ha	To be submitted in a Due Diligence Statement
 <b>DEFORESTATION-FREE</b>	That cocoa does not come from land deforested after <b>31 December 2020</b> <i>Deforestation = conversion of forests into agricultural land, including cocoa-agroforestry systems</i>	<b>What's a forest?</b> The regulation uses an internationally-agreed definition from the FAO 
 <b>LEGAL</b>	Compliance with relevant Ivorian laws, including on land, environment, human rights, labour, trade & customs	

**Due diligence for companies consists of 3 steps :**

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

**!** If companies buy cocoa from a **low-risk area**, they only need to carry out the **first step**

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



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