



EUTR Review

"CDG FORESTRY AND CORK"
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Commission report to EP and Council

- **EUTR Review, March 2013-March 2015**

Based on:

- Member States' reports;
- Inputs received through the public consultation;
- Direct contacts with a broad range of stakeholders, including private sector and civil society.

EUTR Report: Main elements

- The evaluation is based on a broad evidence base

however:

Only two years of implementation experience has, in case of some elements, proved to be rather limited for the assessment of the legislation

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- The Regulation:

- has the potential to achieve its objectives to combat illegal logging and associated trade.

- adds significant value to the international efforts to halt deforestation and forest degradation, conserve biodiversity and address climate change.

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- The communication campaigns carried out by the Commission and the Member States have raised awareness of the problem of illegal logging amongst EU consumers.
- EU operators are gradually taking steps to ensure the legality of their suppliers.
- Additional efforts should be made by the Competent Authorities to inform operators, especially SMEs, about the EUTR requirements.

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- Insufficient resources allocated to Competent Authorities are a challenge for its effective enforcement.
- Further efforts are needed from Member States and the private sector to achieve its effective and efficient application.
- The European Commission will continue to promote and monitor the uniform and effective application by the Member States.

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- EUTR encouraged other consumer countries to expand their national legislation with similar legislative acts (Australia, Switzerland) or to start considering measures with similar objectives (China, Japan, Korea).
- Incentive for producer countries to develop systems to verify and demonstrate compliance with the legality requirements, including by concluding VPAs with the EU.

Next steps

- The results of this evaluation will be used to further improve the implementation of the EUTR.
- The evaluation did not identify a clear need for changes in the core elements of the legislation.
- The Commission may consider expanding its product scope, subject to an impact assessment of options.



Thank you!