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Consultation on implementing due diligence regulations on the use of timber and forest risk commodities in Great Britain

Dear Consultee,

We are writing to invite views on the UK government's proposals for implementing due diligence regulations on the use of timber and forest risk commodities in Great Britain.

At COP26 in Glasgow, the UK and over 140 other countries committed to halt and reverse forest loss and land degradation by 2030 as signatories to the Glasgow Leaders Declaration. Current trajectories show we are unlikely to meet this pledge without concerted global action. The government recognises the UK's responsibility, as a consumer market, to address the risk that our demand contributes to illegal deforestation globally.

In June 2026, the UK government announced its intention to implement and strengthen due diligence regulations across the UK to decouple consumption of timber and forest risk commodities from illegal deforestation. This includes updating requirements under the current The Timber and Timber Products (Placing on the Market) Regulations 2013 ('the UK Timber Regulation') and introducing regulations on forest risk commodities in Great Britain under Schedule 17 of the Environment Act 2021. The EU Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR) will apply in Northern Ireland.

Following that announcement, the UK government is pleased to launch the public consultation on the approach to deforestation regulations in Great Britain.

The consultation opens on 11 November 2026 and closes on 17 January 2027. Following the announcement in June 2026, Defra has continued to engage with industry representatives and other stakeholders on the implementation of the policy approach.

We are seeking views to inform the development of due diligence regulations for businesses using coffee, cocoa, cattle, soy, oil palm, rubber and timber. The

consultation seeks views on the scope of the regulations, the requirements of due diligence systems, annual reporting and enforcement. Evidence is further sought on potential costs, risks and impacts, such as on smallholders and other producers or trade.

The following documents may be found on GOV.UK:

- Consultation document
- Consultation letter
- Consultation Privacy Notice

Responses

To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Smart Survey, which is an online consultation tool. This is our preferred approach for consultees completing the consultation.

Responses should be received by 17 January 2027.

Responses in languages other than English will be accepted. Please note that these responses may be translated using AI-assisted translation services.

Responses or additional information or documents can also be sent:

- By email: deforestationconsultation@defra.gov.uk

- By post to:

  Consultation on implementing due diligence regulations in Great Britain,
  International Deforestation Regulations Policy Team,
  Defra Ground Floor,
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We encourage all those with relevant evidence and expertise to respond, with a particular focus from industry and trade associations, NGOs, international governments, producers and civil society.

Your input will help inform the design and delivery of regulations that effectively support demand for legally produced commodities and strengthen transparent, traceable and resilient supply chains for the future.

This consultation is being conducted in line with the Cabinet Office consultation principles.

Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent and where relevant who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions when they respond.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal data, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information legislation.

We respect your personal privacy when responding to access to information requests. We only share information when necessary to meet the statutory requirements of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Using and sharing your information

How we use your personal data is set out in the consultation and call for evidence exercise privacy notice which can be found here Privacy notices - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please email: consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation. If you have any queries on the consultation, please contact us at: deforestationconsultation@defra.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

International Deforestation Regulations Team

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