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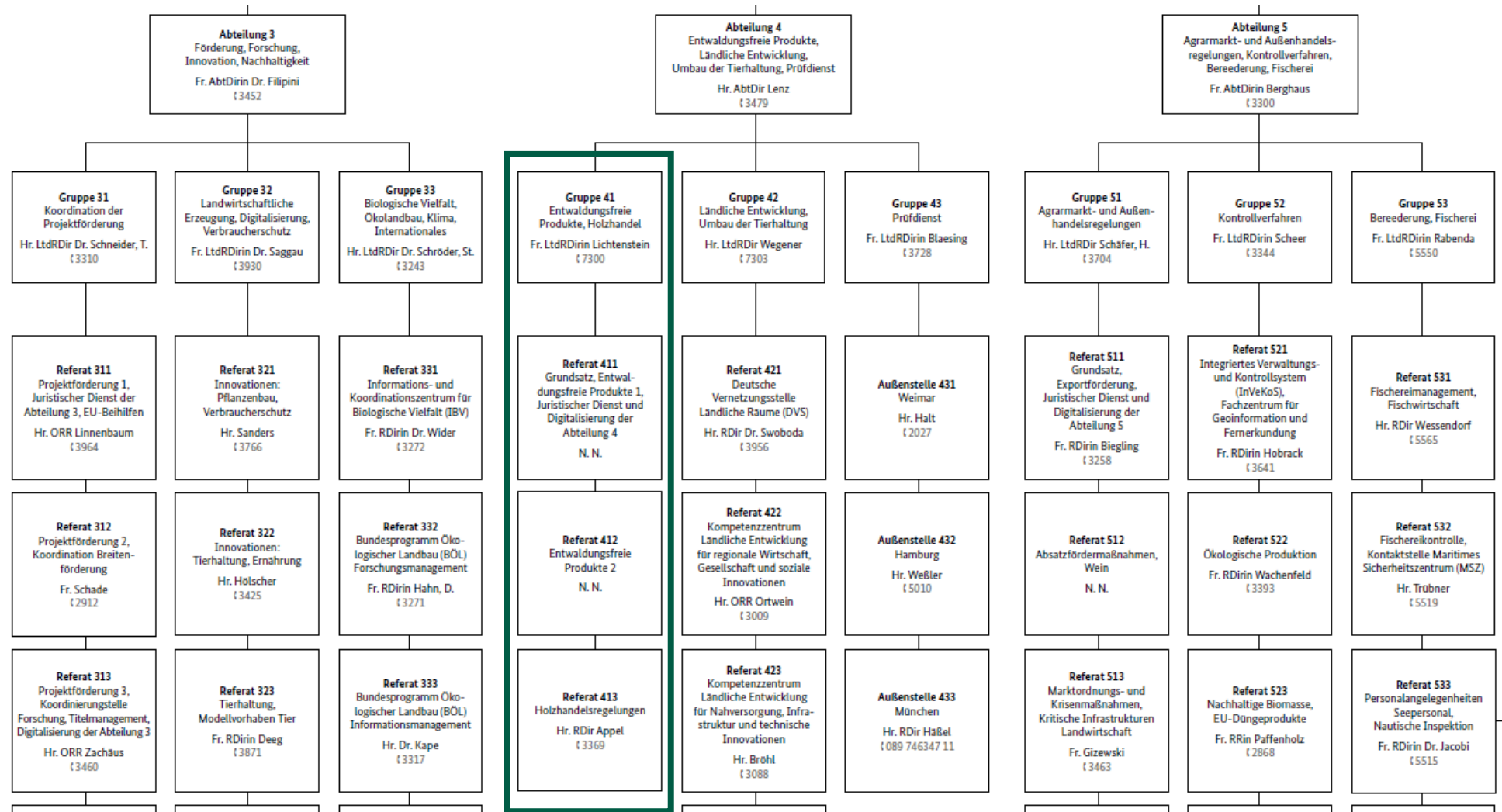
EUDR in Practice

Pathway to the enforcement in Germany

30. INA-Lunchbreak, 5th July 2024

Reorganization of the BLE as of 01.06.2024

Organigramm Group 41 (Extract)



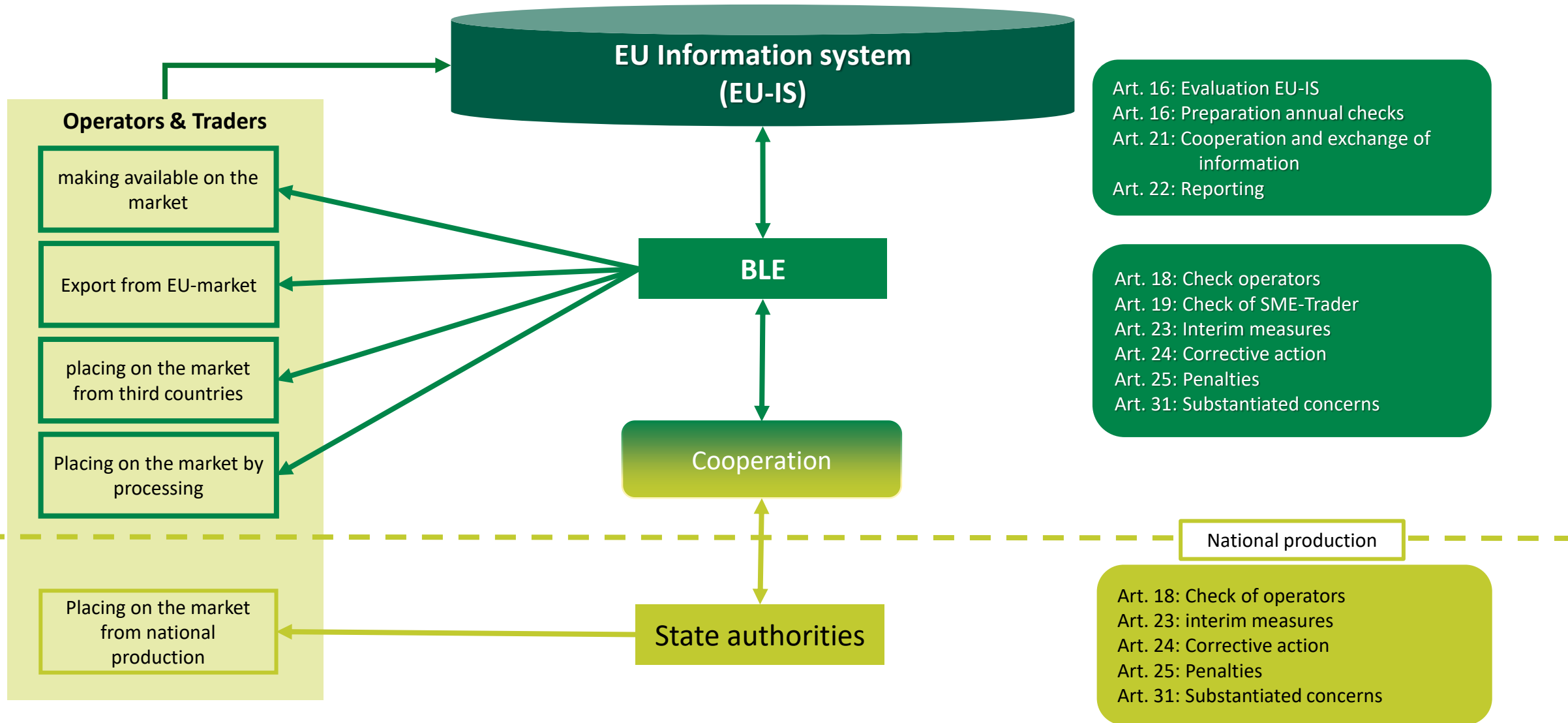
Development of instruments to fulfill the BLE's control tasks under the EUDR

Work packages:

- Step 1: Development of precise audit requirements for the risk-based controls
- Step 2: Development of a coherent and appropriate, detailed assessment system
- Step 3: Development of a catalog of corrective action in the event of non-compliance
- Step 4: Development of a comprehensive and coherent audit concept including a training program for auditors

Timetable and implementation deadlines: Results are scheduled for August 2024

Concept for federal-state responsibility (BMEL)



Digital control process EUDR

Overview

Objective: Extensive automation in the initiation of checks and formal verification of incoming documents, automated creation of check notes and notifications as well as comparison of (geo)data sources, EU-IS data, etc.

Development of interface
EU information system (EU-IS), data processing, transfer to federal states

Automated comparison
EU-IS data with other data (e.g. georeferences)

Creation of annual control plans

Carrying out checks, portal for submitting documents, increasing the degree of automation in stages

Creation, preparation and transmission of reports

Automated processing of all transactions

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Sub-process 1 of the overview

Development of EU information system interface, data processing, transfer of data to federal states

Minimum requirements of the information system: Art. 33 para. 2 EUDR

Concrete interface descriptions from the EU Commission for the competent authorities of the member states are now available.

Interface for operators: Training environment available from 27.05.2025.

Further information is available at: <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/core/api/front/document/104730/download>

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Sub-process 3 of the overview

Creation of the annual control plan

Starting point

1. Checks on operators and relevant products in accordance with a **risk-based approach** (BLE)

Rates for checks / „Benchmarking“ / 1%, 3%, 9%

Risk category of country/part thereof depending on the classification by EU-COM



Minimum checks for each relevant commodity individually based on the total number of operators in the previous year, and, if applicable, the quantity

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Sub-process 3 of the overview

Creation of the annual control plan

Checks in accordance with EUDR

Checks based on national **risk criteria**, Art. 16 EUDR

Checks in accordance with Art. 16 para. 12 EUDR in the case of relevant information, including "**substantiated concerns**" from third parties in accordance with Art. 31 EUDR

Checks in situations requiring immediate action, Art. 17 EUDR
Uniform risk profiles in the EU information system

Deadlines: 3 working days or 72 h (perishable products)

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Sub-process 3 of the overview

Creation of the annual control plan

Data management

- Data retrieval from EU-IS (expected daily approx. 50,000 data sets relevant for Germany; individual data set for DDS max. 25 MB)
- Automated comparison of geolocation data with reference data
- Import of other data sources
- Apply risk criteria to the data
- Transfer of data to the national authorities via an interface (to be developed)
- Monitor compliance with minimum checks (1%, 3%, 9%)

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Sub-process 4 of the overview

Carrying out of checks, increasing the degree of automation in stages

Scope, Art. 18 and 19 EUDR

1. Examination of the **due diligence system**, including risk assessment and risk mitigation procedures, and of documentation and records that demonstrate the proper functioning of the due diligence system
2. Examination of documentation and records to ensure that **specific relevant products complies with the regulation** and examination of the **associated due diligence statements**
3. If necessary, on-the-ground examination of the relevant commodities/products, examination of corrective measures, material sampling, spot checks (including field audits)

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Sub-process 4 of the overview

Carrying out of checks, increasing the degree of automation in stages

Service portal (under construction)

Web-accessible portal for

- Enter data and information in an efficient workflow
- Ability to upload evidence in defined common data formats (interface to be provided)
- Communication with operators, including communication in case of substantiated third party concerns in a publicly accessible area



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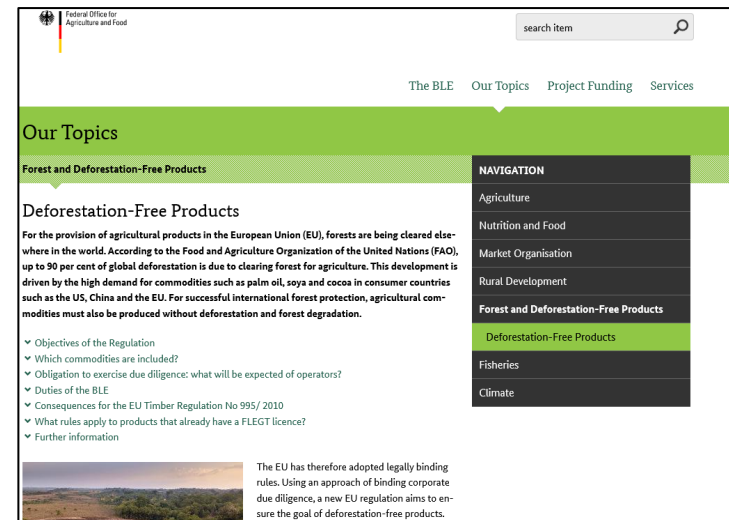
EUDR: Communication measures of the Federal Agency for Agriculture and Food (BLE)



General support, guidance and information.

Communication concept

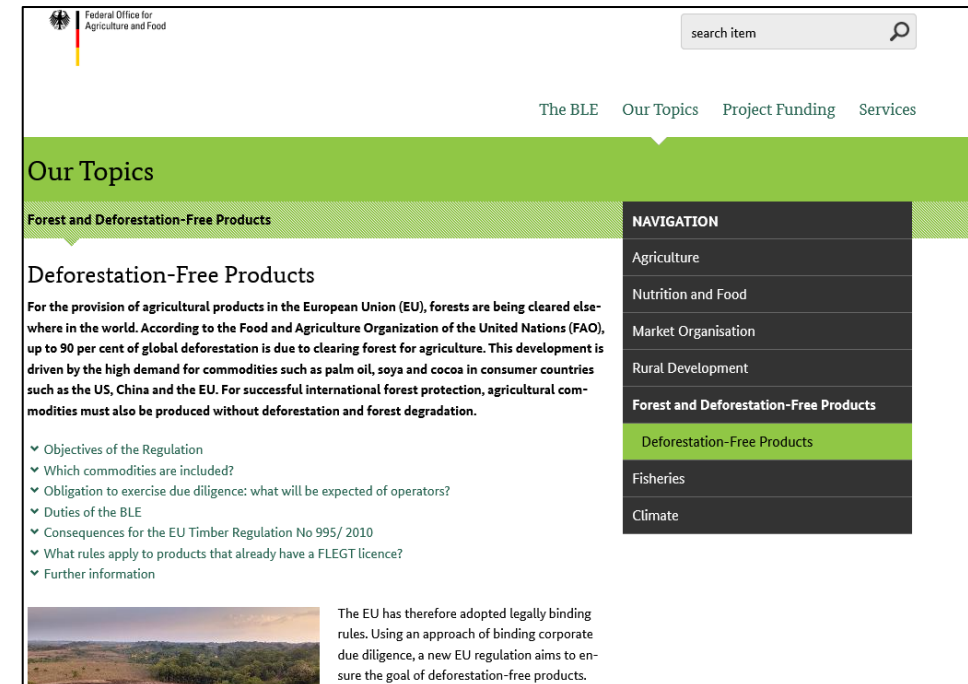
- **First contact point: BLE-Website** – www.ble.de/entwaldungsfrei (english version available)
 - overview of the Regulation
 - background information on the Regulation
 - informal German translation of the FAQs (EU-Commission), updated regularly
 - links to the BMEL and the EU-Commission
 - further sub-pages are planned
- In the future: **static information tools**
 - explanatory videos and infographics on various topics
 - Screenshot:



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 - overview of and background information on the Regulation
 - informal German translation of the FAQs and guidance documents of the EU-Commission
 - infographs which guide operators and traders on the application of the Regulation (in construction)
- **Explanatory video:** already published and implemented on the website
- **Helpdesk** started: requests to anfragen@entwaldungsfreie-produkte.de
- BLE-experts inform at many **stakeholder meetings**
- **EUDR-Newsletter:** coming soon



The screenshot displays the website of the Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE). The header includes the logo and name of the office, a search bar, and navigation links for 'The BLE', 'Our Topics', 'Project Funding', and 'Services'. The main content area is titled 'Our Topics' and features a sub-section for 'Forest and Deforestation-Free Products'. This section includes a detailed text block explaining the EU's approach to deforestation-free products, a list of frequently asked questions with expandable options, and a small image of a landscape. A right-hand navigation menu lists various topics, with 'Deforestation-Free Products' highlighted in green.

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search item

The BLE Our Topics Project Funding Services

Our Topics

Forest and Deforestation-Free Products

Deforestation-Free Products

For the provision of agricultural products in the European Union (EU), forests are being cleared elsewhere in the world. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), up to 90 per cent of global deforestation is due to clearing forest for agriculture. This development is driven by the high demand for commodities such as palm oil, soya and cocoa in consumer countries such as the US, China and the EU. For successful international forest protection, agricultural commodities must also be produced without deforestation and forest degradation.

- ▼ Objectives of the Regulation
- ▼ Which commodities are included?
- ▼ Obligation to exercise due diligence: what will be expected of operators?
- ▼ Duties of the BLE
- ▼ Consequences for the EU Timber Regulation No 995/ 2010
- ▼ What rules apply to products that already have a FLEGT licence?
- ▼ Further information

The EU has therefore adopted legally binding rules. Using an approach of binding corporate due diligence, a new EU regulation aims to ensure the goal of deforestation-free products.

NAVIGATION

- Agriculture
- Nutrition and Food
- Market Organisation
- Rural Development
- Forest and Deforestation-Free Products
- Deforestation-Free Products
- Fisheries
- Climate

Thank you for your attention!

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