

# amfori Timber Due Diligence Programme

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. What does the timber due diligence programme cover?**

The amfori timber due diligence programme sets an operational framework for companies to become compliant with the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR). This regulation aims to reduce illegal deforestation in all its forms for companies operating out of Europe. The amfori Timber Due Diligence Programme is a four-step allows companies to:

- *Understand the EUTR*
- *Gain visibility of their timber supply chain on the online platform*
- *Take remediative action to make changes to improve their compliance*
- *Organise training programmes to increase performance.*

### **2. How much does it cost?**

To participate in the amfori Timber Due Diligence Programme, your company needs to be a member of amfori BEPI. Costs depend on the size of your company and its turnover. To learn more about the amfori BEPI fee structure, please see [here](#).

### **3. How do I join?**

If you are already an amfori BEPI member, go to the amfori BEPI platform and access the dedicated tab on timber due diligence to get started.

### **4. Can I join if I'm not an amfori member?**

You cannot participate in the amfori Timber Due Diligence Programme unless you are a member of amfori BEPI. Join us today to take part and start improving the environmental performance of your supply chain.

### **5. I'm already an amfori BEPI member. How do I get started?**

All members who are part of amfori BEPI gain automatic access to the amfori BEPI Timber Due Diligence Program. A member just has to click on "Timber Due Diligence" in the BEPI "Programme Assignment" box.

**6. What interfaces used in the Timber due diligence programme can be used with the new platform?**

We are still in the process of defining this, but will be communicated to all members once it is finalised.

**7. What is the EUTR?**

The European Union Timber Regulation (EUTR) has been in force since March 2013. It lays out the requirements for actors who place timber, or timber-based products, on the European market. The EUTR places considerable responsibility on the importer. From wood product verification to diligent record keeping, buying practices cannot be separated from the EUTR requirements. It is critical for timber importers and others in the supply chain to maintain an effective due diligence system.

**8. Does my company need to comply with the EUTR?**

Any company that imports timber or wood products into the European Union is obliged to comply with the EUTR. If your company is not engaged in importing wood products, you are not obliged to comply.

**9. What is illegal deforestation or logging?**

Illegal deforestation is the harvest, transportation, purchase or sale of timber that violates the laws of the territory where these actions occur. The harvesting procedure itself may be illegal, including using corrupt means to gain access to forests. These processes include:

- *extraction without permission, or from a protected area*
- *the cutting down of protected species*
- *the extraction of timber in excess of agreed limits.*

Illegal practices may also occur during transport, such as illegal processing and export; fraudulent declaration to customs; the avoidance of taxes and other charges, and fraudulent certification.