

In May 2025, the European Commission published its first country benchmarking under the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), classifying nations into three risk levels: High, Standard, and Low. These classifications determine the level of due diligence and reporting required for relevant commodities. In this Green Deal Alert, we break down what's new—and what operators need to do now to align their EUDR strategies.

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## **COUNTRY RISKS WORLD MAP**



## **IMPLICATIONS PER RISK BENCHMARK**

RISK CATEGORY	Due Diligence Required	Simplified DDS Allowed	Minimum Inspection Rate
HIGH	Yes (full)	× No	9%
STANDARD	Yes (full)	× No	3%
LOW	Yes (simplified)	✓ Yes	1%

## **BREAKING DOWN THE UPDATES**

- Due Diligence Required: All operators must perform DD before placing products on the EU market. There's no difference between High and Standard risk countries when it comes to DD. They both require full due diligence (geolocation data, risk assessment, and mitigation plans. Low-risk countries only need geolocation data.
- DDS Required: A Due Diligence Statement must be submitted for all risk levels. Low-risk countries submit simplified DDS (as defined in the previous EUDR-FAQ).
- Minimum Inspection Rate: EU authorities must annually inspect at least 9% of operators and traders from High-risk, 3% from Standard-risk, and 1% from Low-risk countries, with higher rates possible.

While these classifications simplify monitoring for regulators, they do not relieve operators from liability.

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