DIVING INTO THE EUDR DDS

Everything you need to know

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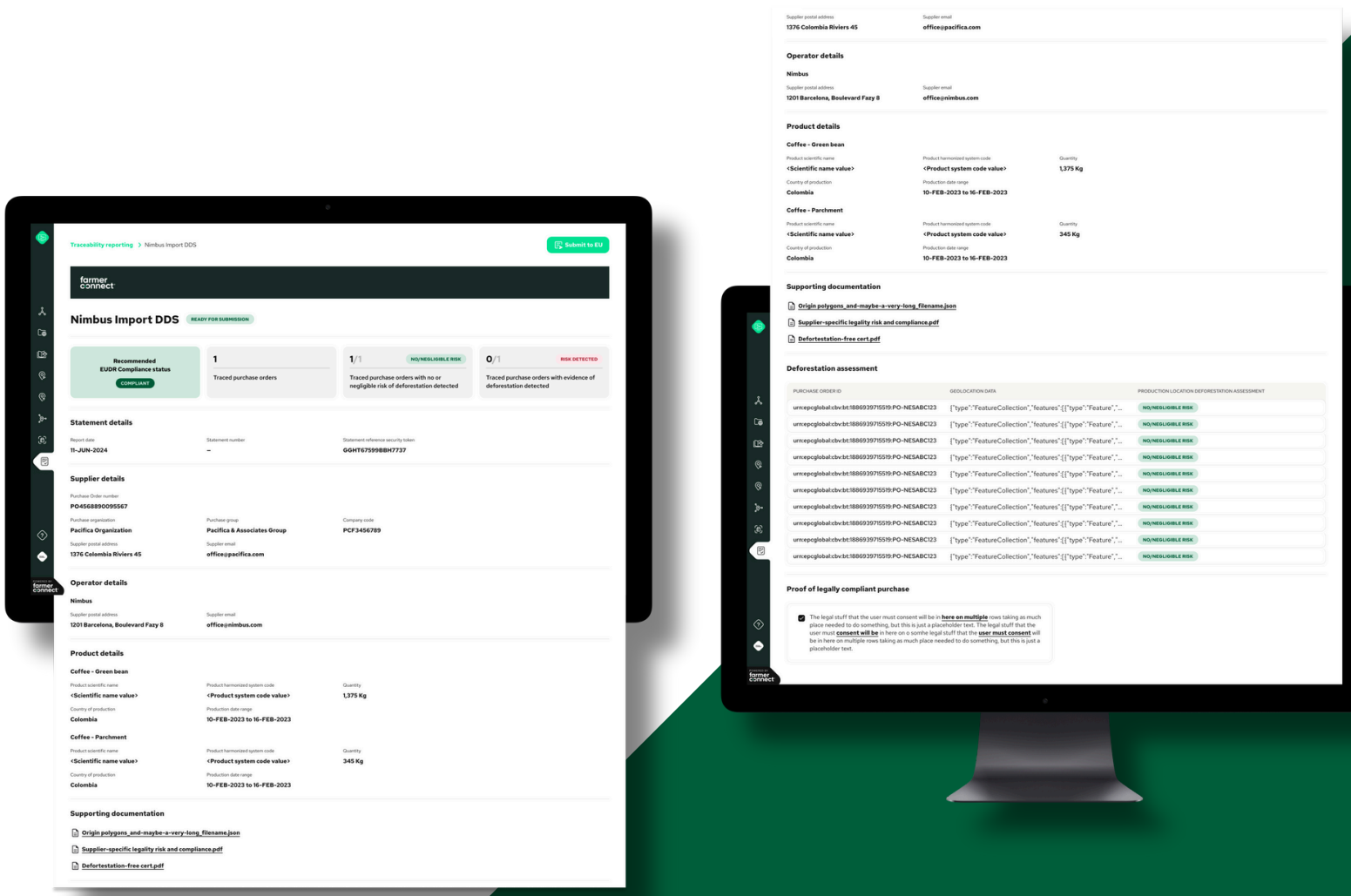
The EU mandates that the following commodities: Coffee, Cocoa, Rubber, Timber, Cattle, Soy, Palm oil and certain derived products must be:

- deforestation-free
- comply with local laws
- be accompanied by a Due Diligence Statement (DDS)

Prior to making them available on the EU market for distribution, consumption, or for use and in the course of a commercial activity, a due diligence statement (DDS) needs to be submitted into the EU Information System.



What is a DDS ?

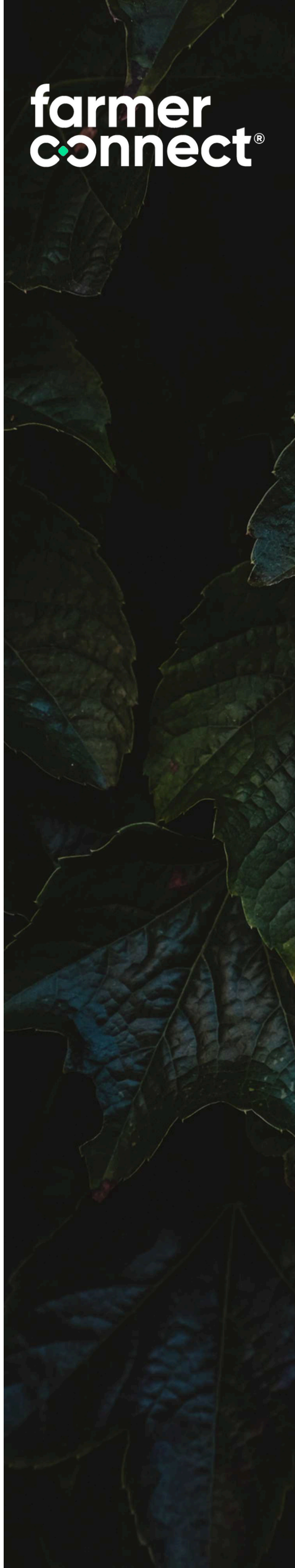
The EUDR Due Diligence Statement (DDS) affirms that the relevant products/ commodities are deforestation-free and meet the laws of the country where they were produced.

What isn’t a DDS ?

DDS is not a “tick-the-box exercise”. The template for the DDS is the same for all commodity sectors but the content is specific to the context and the supply chain.

When is a DDS needed?

It is a pre-requisite before placing/making available/exporting relevant products on/from the EU market.



What data is included in the DDS?

- Commodity or Product Description: Details about the commodity or product, including type and quantity.

- Production Date: When the commodity was harvested or produced.

- Geolocation Data: Coordinates (latitude and longitude) and for plots larger than 4ha, polygons in the GeoJson format are required.

- Country of Production: Where the commodity was harvested or produced.

- DDS Reference: Evidence of previous DDSs and their Verification Numbers.

- Submission Confirmation: Operator's confirmation that due diligence was carried accordingly to EUDR legislation and that no negligible risk was found.

- Possibility to make geolocation data visible when referencing a DDS downstream.

What data does not need to be included in a DDS?

- Information, Evidence and Supporting Documents you have collected to conduct the due diligence process achieving no or negligible risk. Upon request, operators will need to be able to demonstrate how due diligence was carried out (risk assessment) and what mitigation measures were put in place in case risk was identified.

- Internal Business Reference: your internal business identifier such as Purchase Order Number or Batch Number associated with DDS.

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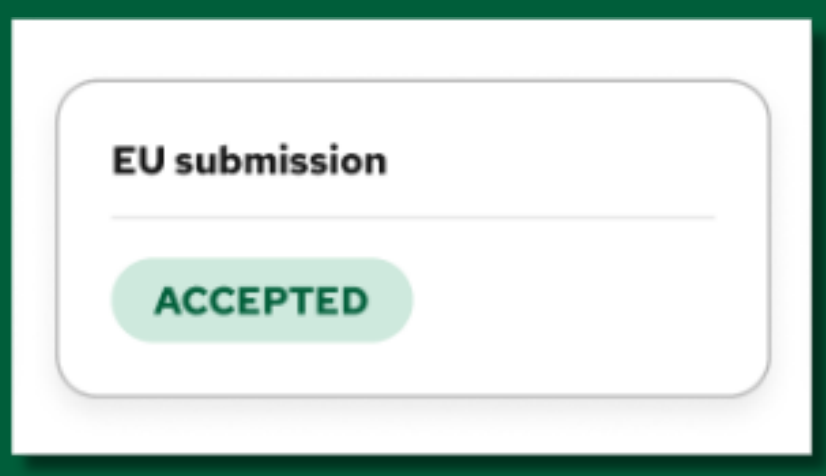
Where does the DDS need to be submitted? And when?

WHERE: The DDS must be submitted electronically into EU TRACES, an information registry, where it is checked by Member States' authorities and can be accessed during audits. In order for the product to be made available on the market, a DDS needs to be “Accepted”.



WHEN: Prior to the relevant product being ‘made available on the EU market’ for distribution, consumption, or for use in the course of a commercial activity.

To whom does the responsibility of the DDS fall?

- By December 30th 2025:
  - Large Operators must ensure compliance with the regulation, including supplying all necessary information along the supply chain. Traders, if not SMEs, must also fulfil these obligations.

- By June 30th 2026
  - SMEs, if a DDS has been submitted for a product earlier in the supply chain by the previously mentioned operators or traders, SMEs can only provide the DDS reference number. If not, SMEs must submit a DDS themselves.

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