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Your Role and Ours under the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)

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Onderwerp: The EUDR – What We Take Care of for You and What It Means for You

Dear Valued Customer,

With this letter, we would like to inform you how Connec3 B.V. is implementing the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), which responsibilities we assume and what this means for you as our customer. **Our aim is to relieve you of as much administrative burden as possible and provide clarity on what information you can expect from us and which obligations apply to you.**

The EUDR, Regulation (EU) 2023/1115, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2025/2650, will apply to our deliveries from 30 December 2026.

Under the EUDR, Connec3 fulfils two different roles, depending on the origin of the timber and its position within the supply chain. Below, we explain what we take care of in each situation and where your own responsibilities lie.

1. Connec3 as a Trader – Timber Purchased within the EU

When we purchase timber that has already been placed on the EU market by another operator, we act as a trader within the meaning of Article 2 of the EUDR.

In accordance with Article 5 of the EUDR, we retain the legally required information about our suppliers and business customers for at least five years. As a trader, we are not subject to an active obligation to request DDS reference numbers. When we receive such a number directly from the initial operator, we retain it in accordance with the legal requirements.

As a trader, we are not required to submit a new Due Diligence Statement (DDS). Nor are we obliged to provide our customers with previous DDS reference numbers, geolocation data or underlying due diligence documentation. **For you as our customer, this means that you are not required to request this information from us for these deliveries. Your other obligations under the EUDR naturally remain applicable.**

In this way, we aim to prevent you from having to request information or documentation unnecessarily when it is not legally required for your position within the supply chain.

2. Connec3 as an Operator – Direct Imports from Ukraine

When we import timber directly from Ukraine and place it on the EU market for the first time, we act as an operator within the meaning of Article 2 of the EUDR.

In this role, we carry out the required due diligence procedure and, in accordance with Article 4, submit a DDS through the European EUDR Information System (TRACES) before placing the products on the EU market.

We take responsibility for these obligations in relation to our direct imports, so that you, as our customer, can rely on a carefully established process and the corresponding documentation.

We will include the assigned DDS reference number on our invoice.

When you purchase directly from us as the initial operator and act as a trader or downstream operator yourself, you must retain this reference number together with the other legally required information for at least five years, in accordance with Article 5 of the EUDR.

However, if you import timber or other EUDR products directly from outside the EU yourself and place them on the EU market for the first time, you assume the role of operator for those imports. In that case, you are responsible for the corresponding EUDR obligations, including carrying out the required due diligence procedure and submitting a DDS before placing the products on the market.

3. Our Preparation and Cooperation

Connec3 is actively working towards the full implementation of the EUDR. We pay particular attention to the traceability of our products, supplier documentation and the development of our internal procedures.

We will ensure that we are fully prepared for the EUDR by 30 December 2026 and comply with all obligations applicable to our activities.

If information becomes available that gives reason to suspect that a supplied product does not comply with the EUDR, we will take the legally required measures and inform the parties concerned where required.

We highly value transparent and reliable cooperation. At the same time, we aim to support our customers as much as possible by carefully fulfilling our own responsibilities, providing the necessary information in a clear and accessible manner, and avoiding unnecessary administrative burdens.

This letter is intended to clarify our role and does not alter the legal responsibilities of Connec3 or our customers.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,
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