

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

PRESS RELEASE

STATUS UPDATE ON THE EUROPEAN UNION DEFORESTATION REGULATIONS (EUDR) COMPLIANCE BY KENYA

The European Union Parliament passed legislative measures on May 3, 2023, aimed at reducing EU-driven deforestation and forest degradation. The European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) mandates that certain commodities, including coffee, linked to deforestation must not be placed on or exported to the EU market after December 30, 2024. The EU accounts for 55% of Kenya's coffee exports, making compliance with these regulations essential to the success of Kenya's coffee subsector.

In light of this, the Government of Kenya reassures all coffee growers, value chain actors, operators, and buyers that Kenya is on track to meet the EUDR compliance deadline through the following measures:

- **Cabinet Memo:** A cabinet memo is being prepared to keep the cabinet informed on Kenya's progress towards EUDR compliance.
- **Multi-Agency Technical Committee:** A committee of experts has been formed to evaluate Kenya's readiness and develop a comprehensive compliance framework.
- **Ground-Truthing Tests:** have been to conducted to asses the current status of compliance.
- **EU Technical support:** has been requested and approved by the European Commission (EU) to verify compliance.

Although there have been unconfirmed reports suggesting a potential extension of the EUDR compliance deadline to December 2025, the Government remains steadfast in adhering to its current schedule. Early compliance is critical to securing Kenya's position in the EU market and maintaining trust with our trading partners.

Additionally, the Ministry emphasizes the need for compliance with the Data Protection Act, 2019. Unauthorized entities are strictly prohibited from collecting,

analyzing, or storing grower information under the guise of assisting with compliance. The Ministry clarifies that the Due Diligence Statement, as required by the EUDR, will be issued by the competent government agencies. Meanwhile, all grower data will be securely managed under the Kenya Integrated Agricultural Management Information System (KIAMIS) by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.

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