

New requirements for farmers for the 2025 harvest following the EU Deforestation Regulation

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Background

From December 30, 2025, all soy traded in the EU, as well as relevant products such as soy meal and soy oil, must comply with the new EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). This means that the 2025 harvest must already meet these requirements.

According to the EUDR, geolocation data must be available for all soy fields. The geolocation data must be uploaded to a new EUDR information system as part of the due diligence declaration (not the same as the Donau Soja voluntary declarations) – otherwise the soy may not be sold on the EU market. Each due diligence declaration receives a reference number that must be passed along the supply chain.

What does this mean for farmers

Non-EU farmers: If soy or relevant products such as soy meal or oil are to be sold in the EU, the geolocation data of the fields must be collected and shared so that the initial marketer in the EU has all the information for the due diligence declaration.

Donau Soja self-commitment declarations (SVE) and geolocation data

There are various ways for Donau Soja / Europe Soja farmers to pass on geolocation data.

Non-EU farmers can share geolocation data in one of the following ways:

- 1) Upload to the Donau Soja IT system: In the Donau Soja database, the geolocation and polygon data is marked and saved directly, like with Google Earth. Information including explanatory videos will follow shortly.
- 2) Delivered to the Donau Soja certified first collector: The Donau Soja certified first collector is authorized to fill out the due diligence declaration and the geolocation data will be passed on to him.
- 3) In RS-3 countries (Ukraine, Moldova): the geo-coordinates are transmitted directly from the control point to Donau Soja.

Information about geolocation data of the cultivated areas

For the 2025 harvest, the geolocation data of all soybean cultivation areas must be determined. A geocoordinate consists of a latitude and a longitude value, each with six decimals.

- Soybean fields < 4 ha: One geolocation data point within the field is sufficient.
- Soy fields > 4ha: geolocation data must be collected as polygons = one geocoordinate per “corner” of the field so that the boundaries of the field can be traced.

The geolocation data can be determined on site using a computer or mobile phone.

Tips on how to determine geolocation data with just a few clicks using a mobile phone or computer can be found on our website:

<https://www.donausoja.org/eudr-information-for-farmers/>



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