

## EUDR STATEMENT

The Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR) is European legislation aimed at preventing deforestation. Products that contribute to deforestation or forest degradation may not be placed on the EU market. This legislation will replace the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR). The European Commission has confirmed a further one year delay to the regulation citing IT issues and supply chain concerns. This delay will require approval by EU member states and the European parliament. The regulation will most likely come into force on 30 December 2026.

In line with EUDR, Optimum Group requires its suppliers to prepare and document their due diligence statements. Our suppliers are currently determining the methodologies for transmitting EUDR reference numbers.

Concurrently, we are configuring our internal processes and ERP systems to ensure operational flexibility in managing the data received from our suppliers, so we can provide you with accurate information and EUDR reference numbers. In this way, Optimum Group ensures that traceability is maintained. Of course, this process depends on the readiness of the IT system of the European Commission.

We hereby declare that we are fully aware of our obligations. Optimum Group is committed to exercising due diligence in accordance with the regulations and to operating our business in a responsible manner. However, in this moment we are not able to provide full information due to the above mentioned uncertainties.



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