

EUDR reference number: cheat sheet

For purchasing, sales and the customs department: who passes which number to whom, what to store and which code belongs in the customs declaration. Based on Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 as amended by Regulation (EU) 2025/2650, Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/3084 as amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/1565, Commission FAQ version 5, TARIC explanations and the interpretation of the German authority BLE.

1. The three numbers

Number	What it is	Who receives it	Passing on
Reference number	Identifier of the due diligence statement, assigned by the information system after the risk profile (Art. 7 Impl. Reg.)	The operator submitting the statement	To the first downstream actor (Art. 4(7))
Verification number	Security code for the statement, known only to the submitter and the authority (Art. 3(f) Impl. Reg.)	The same operator	Confidentially together with the reference number if the recipient wants to reference it
Identification number	Identifier of the simplified declaration of micro or small primary operators (Impl. Reg. 2026/1565)	The micro or small primary operator	Like the reference number

2. Who must do what

Role	Duty regarding the number	What to store
Operator (places on the market or exports)	Submits the due diligence statement, receives reference and verification number, passes them to the first downstream actor	Due diligence documents and statements, 5 years
First downstream operator or trader	Receives the numbers, does not pass them on	Identity of supplier and business customers and the reference numbers (Art. 5(3)), 5 years
Further downstream stages	Receive no number, because the previous supplier is no longer an operator	Identity of supplier and business customers
Non-SME downstream operator without a statement of its own	Submits no statement of its own (Art. 4(9) deleted); registers under Art. 5(2); on re-import C720 with the suppliers' reference numbers	As first downstream actor: identity of supplier and business customers and the reference numbers (Art. 5(3)), 5 years
Micro or small primary operator under Art. 4a (simplified declaration)	Simplified declaration; states its identification number to customs with C717; passes the number to downstream actors	Simplified declaration and supporting information, 5 years

3. Customs declaration

Case	Code	Entry
Import, standard case	C716	with the reference number of the due diligence statement
Micro or small primary operator, Art. 4a	C717	with the identification number of the simplified declaration
Export by an operator	Reference number	made available to customs before export (Art. 26(4))
Export by a downstream operator	Y188 / Y196	no reference number (FAQ 5.6.1). Y188 as an SME, Y196 as a non-SME (TARIC document, revision 1 of 23 Sept 2026); export only
Goods from the transition period, export or re-import	C718	number 99EU9999999999; may appear next to real numbers in the same declaration; proof of earlier placing on the market on request
ex code, goods outside the scope	Y129	goods other than those covered by the EUDR
Produced before the cut-off date (Art. 1(2))	Y132	Regulation does not apply
Used goods, waste, recovered material, end-of-life material	Y133	second explanatory paragraph in Annex I
Non-commercial activity	Y142	Regulation does not apply

Customs note: Without a valid entry, import is not permitted after the check (condition B090). Y141 (Art. 38(3)) applies until 29 June 2027; new since 23 Sept 2026: C720/C725, Y187, Y190, Y191.

4. Text module: request to the supplier

Dear Sir or Madam,

for the products you supply we need the information under Regulation (EU) 2023/1115. Please let us know whether you are an operator within the meaning of Article 2(15) for these deliveries, i.e. whether you place the products on the market yourself. If so, we ask you under Article 4(7) for the reference number of the due diligence statement and the corresponding verification number, each with reference to the delivery item. If you are a downstream operator or trader, we do not need a reference number, only confirmation of your role and your company details under Article 5(3). Please state this information on the [invoice / delivery note] from now on.

5. Text module: entry on invoice or delivery note

Field	Example
Item	Item 10, cocoa butter, 1804 00 00
EUDR reference number	(number from the EU information system)
EUDR verification number	(confidential, only to the recipient)
Supplier's role	Operator under Art. 2(15) EUDR

The Regulation prescribes no form for passing on the numbers; they are not passed on through the EU information system. Invoice, delivery note, email or accompanying documents are permissible. Agree on place and timing in the contract (FAQ 3.8, interpretation of the BLE).

6. Check and keep

Step	Note
Check validity	Reference, identification and verification numbers can be checked in the EU information system, also as a CSV bulk check (FAQ 7.25). A plausible number pattern is no proof.
Keep	5 years. For operators the due diligence documents, for downstream actors the information under Art. 5(3).
Plan lead time	The authority can delay the provision of the number (Art. 7(3) Impl. Reg.) or reject the statement (Art. 8). Do not submit statements only on the day of customs clearance.
Report suspicions	Anyone who receives indications of non-compliance informs the competent authority without delay (Art. 4(5), Art. 5(5)), regardless of company size.

7. What the number is not

Not proof of being deforestation-free, but the identifier of a submitted statement. Not a document you apply for. Not information that travels through the entire supply chain. And not a substitute for your own duty to act on indications of non-compliance.

Sources: Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 as amended by Regulation (EU) 2025/2650, Art. 3, 4, 5, 26; Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/3084 as amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/1565, Art. 3, 7, 8; Commission FAQ version 5 (4 May 2026), questions 3.4, 3.8, 5.6.1, 5.8, 7.25, 9.2; Guidelines OJ C/2026/3896; TARIC explanations on the EUDR; answers of the BLE to the IHK webinar of 21 May 2026.

Polygon One stores reference numbers together with the verification number for every shipment. Book a call: polygon-one.com/en/contact