III. EUTR Enforcement - context and implementation

III.II Penalties (ref. EUTR Article 19)

The enforcement of the EUTR requires Member States to put in place national measures which provide a robust framework to be able to take effective, dissuasive and proportionate enforcement action and sanction different duty-holders (operators, traders and monitoring organisations) for infringements of the Regulation. The information on the legal frameworks used, the range of potential national penalties and their uppermost levels provide valuable information to assess the consistency of potential enforcement actions across the EU. This section is structured by duty-holders’ obligations under the EUTR (prohibition to place illegal timber on the market for operators; due diligence and reporting obligations for operators and monitoring organisations; traceability for traders, and reporting obligation for monitoring organisations) and the provisions for penalties which are applicable to infringements to each obligation.
1 Please specify for which breaches **penalties** (ref. EUTR Article 19) are applied in your country:

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2 Does the same legislation apply for infringements relating to domestic timber and for imported timber?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

3 Which legislation provides for penalties for infringements of the EUTR?
   - Please select all that apply.
     - [ ] EUTR-specific legislation
     - [ ] Forest (management) law
     - [ ] General Administrative sanctions law
     - [ ] Penal code
     - [ ] Other

6 Please provide the name(s) and relevant Article numbers for the above-mentioned legislation:

   Bundesgesetz über die Überwachung des Handels mit Holz (Holzhandelsüberwachungsgesetz - HolzHÜG)
   §§ 14, 15

Penalties in cases of breaches of prohibition

Administrative fines in cases of breaches of prohibition

7 Fine is expressed as:
   - [ ] specific monetary value

8 What is the maximum fine in EUR? (Please convert to EUR if the MS currency is different)
   Please enter a whole number. If it is not prescribed use *not set*. Examples: 45000 for 45.000,00 EUR; not set if not prescribed.

   30000

10 Which authority can impose this penalty?
   - Please select all that apply.
     - [ ] Competent authority/ies
     - [ ] Police
     - [ ] Court
     - [ ] Fine imposing agency
     - [ ] Other

Seizure of timber or timber products as a penalty in cases of breaches of prohibition

17 Which authority can impose this penalty?
   - Please select all that apply.
     - [ ] Competent authority/ies
19 Which authority/ies is/are responsible for disposal of confiscated timber/timber products?

- [ ] Competent authority/ies
- [ ] Customs
- [ ] Police
- [ ] Court
- [ ] Other

Penalties in cases of breaches of DD obligation

**Administrative fines in cases of breaches of DD obligation**

31 Fine is expressed as:

- specific monetary value

32 What is the maximum fine in EUR? (Please convert to EUR if the MS currency is different)

Please enter a whole number. If it is not prescribed use *not set*. Examples: **45000** for 45,000,00 EUR; *not set* if not prescribed.

7000

34 Which authority can impose this penalty?

Please select all that apply.

- [ ] Competent authority/ies
- [ ] Police
- [ ] Court
- [ ] Fine imposing agency
- [ ] Other

Seizure of timber or timber products as a penalty in cases of breaches of DD obligation

41 Which authority can impose this penalty?

Please select all that apply.

- [ ] Competent authority/ies
- [ ] Prosecutor
- [ ] Police
- [ ] Court
- [ ] Seizure imposing agency
- [ ] Other
• 43 Which authority/ies is/are responsible for disposal of confiscated timber/timber products?
  - [ ] Competent authority/ies
  - [ ] Customs
  - [ ] Police
  - [ ] Court
  - [ ] Other

Penalties in cases of breaches of traceability obligation

Administrative fines in cases of breaches of traceability obligation

• 55 Fine is expressed as:
  - specific monetary value

• 56 What is the maximum fine in EUR? (Please convert to EUR if the MS currency is different)
  Please enter a whole number. If it is not prescribed use not set. Examples: 45000 for 45,000,00 EUR; not set if not prescribed.

  7000

• 58 Which authority can impose this penalty?
  Please select all that apply.
  - [ ] Competent authority/ies
  - [ ] Police
  - [ ] Court
  - [ ] Fine imposing agency
  - [ ] Other

Seizure of timber or timber products as a penalty in cases of breaches of traceability obligation

• 65 Which authority can impose this penalty?
  Please select all that apply.
  - [ ] Competent authority/ies
  - [ ] Prosecutor
  - [ ] Police
  - [ ] Court
  - [ ] Seizure imposing agency
  - [ ] Other

• 67 Which authority/ies is/are responsible for disposal of confiscated timber/timber products?
  - [ ] Competent authority/ies
  - [ ] Customs
  - [ ] Police
Penalties in cases of breaches of reporting obligation (monitoring organisations)

Other penalties in cases of breaches of reporting obligation

95 Please describe the penalty:
Withdrawal of recognition (Art. 8 (6) EUTR)

96 What is the maximum level of this penalty?
See question 95!

97 Which authority can impose this penalty?
Please select all that apply.
- Competent authority/ies
- Police
- Court
- Business inspectorate
- Other

98 Please specify other:
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Comments

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