AHA's Harvest Site Data layer: Innovative technology advancing EUDR due diligence

American Hardwood Assured
Legal & deforestation-free proof of provenance

A new Harvest Site Data layer has been seamlessly integrated into the AHA Platform, providing more detailed geolocation information and supporting the due diligence requirements of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). This layer has been designed in response to the growing need for reliable harvest site information for U.S. hardwood products entering the European Union.



How does the Harvest Site Data layer work?

Using a newly designed methodology, AHA is able to combine remote sensing, AI analysis and expert review to identify a comprehensive pool of real and potential harvest sites within declared counties. It bridges a major practical gap; making available harvest site geolocations without requiring millions of forest owners to collect additional data. The resulting GeoJSON supports the EUDR "declaration in excess" approach by identifying the pool of sites from which the timber may have originated.

What does "declaration in excess" mean for your AHA Statement?

The EUDR requires geolocation information for the plots where timber was produced. However, consignments of U.S. hardwoods are mostly made up of timber from multiple harvest sites. The "declaration in excess" approach outlined in European Commission guidance allows operators handling bulk-traded or mixed commodities, in specified circumstances, to submit a Due Diligence Statement that includes a pool of source plots, even if a specific physical shipment originates from only a subset of those plots.

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What this means for you

The new AHA Harvest Site Data layer provides geolocations for the pool of harvest sites within the counties where your supplier declares the wood was sourced. EU operators receiving an AHA Statement may click on the button marked “Harvest Sites (EUDR System Format)” for a GeoJSON file formatted to align with the geolocation specifications of the EUDR Information System. The harvest site file may contain many sites. This is expected and is how the approach is designed to work. It also helps protect commercially sensitive supply arrangements of landowners and suppliers.





How to communicate it to your customers

- Our American hardwood is sourced from multiple harvest sites and combined during processing.
- AHA provides evidence on provenance, legality and deforestation-risk in the declared U.S. source areas, supporting a conclusion of negligible product risk.
- Its Harvest Site Data layer provides geolocations for the pool of possible harvest sites within those areas, supporting EUDR due diligence in aggregated hardwood supply chains through the “declaration in excess” approach.
- AHA does not currently track each board from an individual forest through every transaction.
- Further development is planned to strengthen upstream source-data collection, introduce independent auditing and record downstream transactions through a block-chain-based system, progressively strengthening supply-chain assurance.

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