



STATEMENT

Revolution in traceability from the plantation up to the rubber bale: a framework supporting transparency and EUDR compliance published by SIPH and the Socfin Group, in partnership with Preferred by Nature

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Preferred by Nature, SIPH through SAPH, its subsidiary in Ivory Coast, and the Socfin Group through SOGB, its subsidiary in Ivory Coast, publish the Traceability framework for natural rubber from smallholder plantations for use by millers. In addition to meeting sustainability commitments in the natural rubber sector, this framework will enable millers to put in place the traceability elements needed to meet the requirements of the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR).

The framework, jointly developed by the three project partners, builds on their commitments to sustainability and on the traceability systems already in place at SAPH (Société Africaine de Plantation d'Hévéa) and SOGB. Its main objective is to provide guidance to primary natural rubber processing plants, setting out the requirements for establishing a robust system for identifying and tracking the origin of raw material from plantations managed by smallholders.

This document provides a series of clear indicators, making it possible to control the supply base of smallholders, to carry out precise geolocation of all rubber plantations, to monitor natural rubber volumes and transactions, and to monitor batches of natural rubber at the mill from reception to their packing.

To sum up, millers who adopt this framework will be able to provide reliable information on the geolocation of plots and the production period of the rubber sold. This will strengthen their ability to comply with the EUDR which, from 2025, will require organisations selling natural rubber and certain derived products on the European market to provide precise identification of the plantations that contributed to the production of the raw material.

The *Traceability Framework for natural rubber from smallholder plantations* is published in open source, allowing all stakeholders in the natural rubber sector to access and use it.

By sharing their experience and know-how, Preferred by Nature, SIPH and Socfin are expressing their commitment to improving transparency and product conformity within the sector in Cote d'Ivoire but also internationally.

The document is accessible online: [The traceability Framework for natural rubber from smallholder plantations](#)

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