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TOP 10 DDS ERRORS TO AVOID IN 2025

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WHY YOU NEED THIS GUIDE

EUDR deadlines are approaching fast—and the margin for error is shrinking. If you're an importer, exporter, or trader working with commodities like coffee, cocoa, palm, rubber, or wood, you already know that getting your Due Diligence Statement (DDS) right is no longer optional.

But here's the problem: most teams don't fail because they're not trying. They fail because the most critical mistakes happen quietly—in overlooked data fields, last-minute submissions, or supplier gaps that don't get caught in time.

Submitting a DDS under the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) isn't just a paperwork task—it's your gateway to market access. But one incorrect polygon, expired document, or missing batch ID can trigger delays, rejections, or even legal exposure.

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THE #1 GEO-DATA ERROR THAT INVALIDATES YOUR DDS INSTANTLY

Submitting incorrect or mismatched coordinates (especially without polygon mapping) can instantly void your due diligence. The EU needs plot-level proof—vague data won't cut it.

WHY "POINT" COORDINATES AREN'T ENOUGH FOR PLOT-LEVEL PROOF

Single GPS points only show one location—not the actual boundary of the farm. Without full polygon data, you can't prove deforestation-free sourcing.

HOW EXPIRED OR UNVERIFIED LEGAL DOCUMENTS TRIP UP EVEN EXPERIENCED EXPORTERS

Land deeds, harvest permits, or supplier declarations that are outdated or incomplete can make your DDS non-compliant—even if the plot is clean.

THE DANGER OF COPYING DDS ACROSS BATCHES WITHOUT BATCH-LEVEL VALIDATION

Each batch must have its own traceability and risk verification. Reusing DDS across batches without confirming details can lead to rejected shipments.

THE HIDDEN RISK OF SOURCING FROM "LOW-RISK" COUNTRIES

Even from low-risk countries, DDS submission is still mandatory. If randomly inspected, missing documentation can result in customs holds or penalties.

HOW INCONSISTENT RISK ASSESSMENTS OPEN YOU UP TO AUDIT EXPOSURE

Using outdated country classifications or skipping supplier-level checks can create data mismatches—triggering audits or shipment delays.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR DDS AND TRACES SUBMISSION DON'T ALIGN

If your DDS data doesn't match what's submitted in the TRACES system, it raises red flags during EU checks—leading to manual review or rejections.

WHY WAITING UNTIL SHIPMENT DAY KILLS COMPLIANCE

Last-minute data gathering means rushed documents, missing files, and submission errors. Compliance should begin at onboarding, not at dispatch.

WHAT EU CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ARE TRAINED TO FLAG—AND HOW TO STAY UNDER THE RADAR

Officials look for missing geolocation, poor documentation, and vague supplier history. Digital audit trails and clean data help you pass without friction.

Don’t let simple DDS errors block your shipments in 2025. With TraceX, you can validate GeoJSONs, auto-generate DDS, and file directly in TRACES — error-free.
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