

Green and Clean Trade with the EU: Navigating New Regulations and Strengthening Cooperation

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Thailand's efforts and developments

- **National Committees**

Oversight of climate and environmental policy (e.g., NDCs under UNFCCC) before Cabinet decisions.

- **Climate Change Act**

Draft includes carbon pricing tools: carbon tax, ETS, and potential Thai-CBAM.

- **Inter-Agency/Multi-stakeholder Groups**

Coordinating on EUDR and CBAM readiness and implementation.

- **WEF/WTO Study**

Exploring Thailand's trade and climate policy direction.

- **Regional Cooperation**

APEC (Bangkok Goals on BCG) and ASEAN efforts on carbon neutrality.

- **Bilateral Initiatives**

Climate cooperation with Germany, Switzerland, Japan etc.

Challenges

- **Timeline**
Lack of clarity may limit ability to adjust before implementation.
- **New and Complex Standards**
 - Increased regulatory complexity poses challenges.
 - Need to promote coherence and interoperability.
- **Constraints and Gaps**
Issues with third-party supply chains and SME readiness.
- **Trade & Business Impact**
Need to avoid trade barriers and reduce business burden through simplification and streamlining.

Support needs

- **Bridging Gaps**
Support to help businesses comply with new requirements.
- **Climate Cooperation**
Joint efforts on climate action and sustainability.
- **Ongoing Dialogue**
Collaboration on issues such as IUU, forestry and labour.
- **FTA Negotiations**
Thailand-EU TSD chapter under discussion.

Conclusion

- Global Shift
Unavoidable changes in global direction and priorities.
- Opportunity in Crisis
Leverage climate action to meet growing consumer demand for sustainability.