

EU Due Diligence Readiness Checklist

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This checklist is designed for business owners, operations heads, and enterprise leaders to assess whether their current systems can withstand scrutiny under the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) and other mandatory standards.

Section 1: Supply Chain Data & Documentation

To satisfy EU buyers, you must move beyond simple spreadsheets to "audit-ready" data.

- **Labor Practices:** Can you produce documented proof of fair labor practices for all sub-suppliers?.
- **Environmental Impact:** Do you have a system to track carbon footprint or waste management data across the supply chain?.
- **Risk Assessment:** Is there a recorded history of "corrective actions" taken when a supplier was found non-compliant?.
- **Origin Traceability:** Can you prove the origin of raw materials to ensure they meet EU Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) standards?.

Section 2: Technology & System Readiness

European buyers are shifting from "document-based" to "system-based" compliance.

- **Centralized Data:** Is your supplier data stored in a single source of truth (ERP/MIS) rather than scattered emails?.
- **Audit Trails:** Does your software automatically log who changed a compliance record and when?.
- **Version Control:** Can you instantly pull up the exact compliance certificate that was valid two years ago?.
- **Access Control:** Is compliance data protected by role-based access to ensure data integrity?

Section 3: Data Security & Trust

While not always in the FTA text, GDPR and data residency are non-negotiable for EU partners.

- **GDPR Alignment:** Are your customer and supplier data handling processes aligned with EU data privacy laws?.
- **Security Certifications:** Do you maintain **ISO/IEC 27001** or **ISO 9001** to prove process integrity?.
- **Reporting Speed:** Can you generate a comprehensive compliance report for a buyer in hours, not weeks?.

Section 4: Supply Chain & Vendor Data Handling

European buyers now require proactive "system-based" oversight of your entire vendor network.

- **Centralized Management:** Can supplier or vendor data be centrally managed in a single source of truth?
- **Structured Documentation:** Is documentation structured and searchable, rather than stored as scattered files or emails?
- **Temporal Tracking:** Are changes to supplier records and compliance statuses tracked over time with a clear history?
- **Risk Visibility:** Can compliance or risk data be reviewed and scored on a per-supplier basis?
- **Due Diligence Ready:** Is the system equipped to document labor practices and environmental impact as required by the EU CSDDD?

Section 5: Development & Delivery Governance

EU buyers prioritize long-term stability and security over "quick-and-dirty" builds. They invest in systems meant to last.

- **Process Integrity:** Are coding standards and review processes clearly defined and aligned with ISO standards?
- **IP Protection:** Is IP ownership both for product designs and process workflows contractually and technically protected?
- **Dependency Tracking:** Are all software dependencies and third-party libraries tracked to ensure long-term security and maintenance?

- [] **Concurrent Documentation:** Is system documentation maintained alongside development to prevent technical debt?
- [] **System Continuity:** Can a new team member understand the system's architecture without relying on tribal knowledge or undocumented "hacks"?

Section 6: Common Mistakes to Watch For

If you check any of these boxes, your partnership with an EU firm may be at risk.

- [] **Manual Approvals:** Relying on verbal or physical signatures for compliance sign-offs.
- [] **No Traceability:** Inability to link a specific batch of products to a specific material supplier.
- [] **Spreadsheet Reliance:** Using Excel for critical risk scoring or environmental tracking.

How Infomaze Helps

At **Infomaze**, we develop and engineer **compliance-ready, audit-resilient, enterprise-grade systems** that EU buyers can trust from day one. If you are unsure how your current system or roadmap stacks up against this checklist, we are happy to review it with you.

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