Guide

Your 2026 Compliance Calendar

Building a Future-Ready Supply Chain

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Introduction

Even when regulatory deadlines shift, manufacturers face immense pressure to meet business expectations and protect their supply chain and reputation. The answer to today's evolving regulatory landscape is a modern supply chain compliance program — one built for agility and designed to maximize every advantage.

Industry leaders are already leveraging recent regulatory extensions, using the extra time to demonstrate preparedness and reliability to their customers and stakeholders. They're proactively managing supply chain compliance data, ensuring it doesn't delay deals, derail audits, or create uncertainty.

Fast, accurate responses to data requests signal operational excellence. In contrast, slow or incomplete responses degrade customer service, erode trust, and can put preferred-vendor status at risk. For manufacturers with proactive supply chains, compliance is a profitable business strategy.

Building a foundation for supply chain sustainability isn't a defensive move meant to reactively meet compliance deadlines. It's a growth strategy that sets leading companies apart long before enforcement begins.

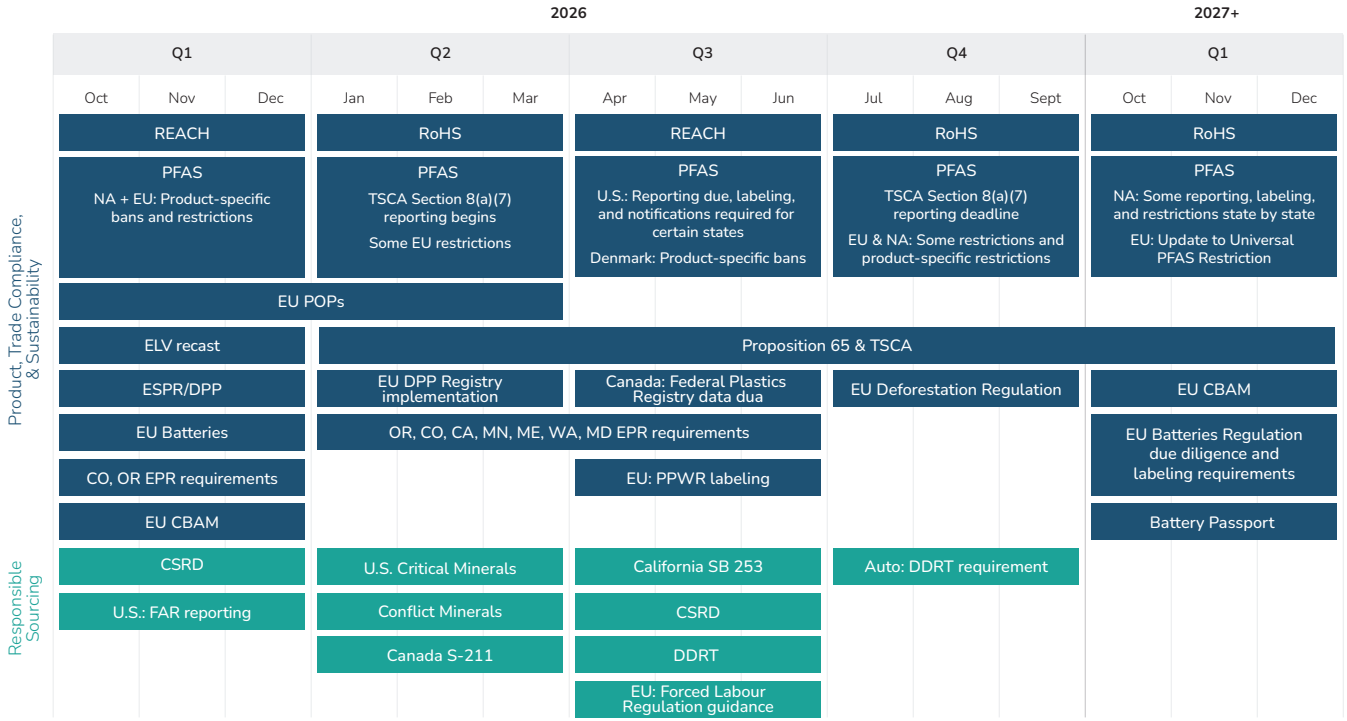
> *"While revenue laggards surveyed still see sustainability as a compliance cost, 60% to 70% of high-growth companies expect sustainable offerings to help them differentiate, future-proof their business, and grow their revenue."*[1]
>
> **Bain & Company**
> ***How Sustainability Is Creating B2B Growth***

1 Lichtenau, T., Ageyeva-Furman, Y., Karlsson, M. C., Kasavana, E., Schottland, D., & Budde, J. (2025). *How sustainability is creating B2B growth.* Bain & Company. Retrieved from https://www.bain.com/insights/how-sustainability-is-creating-b2b-growth-ceo-sustainability-guide-2025/

The 2026 Regulatory Calendar: Anticipated Requirements & Changes

Regulatory compliance is an ongoing responsibility, not a one-time task. Over the next 12–18 months, manufacturers must stay ahead of shifting requirements in product compliance, sustainability, and responsible sourcing.

Here's just a sample of what manufacturers will need to track through 2026 and into 2027. This graphic is not exhaustive and is subject to change:[2]



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Regulatory Expertise for Any Level of Business Need

Package Options	Benefits
Assent's Regulatory Support – Insight Service	• Standard for all customers • Provides foundational access to our team of regulatory experts • Get reliable guidance and clarity on changing regulations • Establishes your baseline of regulatory confidence and efficiency • Includes direct support, forecasts, and training webinars
Assent's Regulatory Support – Intelligence Package	• Includes dedicated research hours, best practices coaching, and custom-delivered training in additional to all Insight Service benefits (above)
Assent's Regulatory Support – Advisory Package	• Assent's most comprehensive level of regulatory support • Combines features from Insight and Intelligence tiers with advanced strategic services, such as data insights review, supplier risk review, tariff analysis, and more • Designed for global enterprises facing complex compliance challenges • Get continuous access to expertise, deeper regulatory intelligence, and proactive program support

Act Now to Prepare for These Regulations in 2026

Assent helps you stay ahead of changing regulatory requirements with the guidance of our regulatory experts. Here are just a few examples of updates to watch this year:

Global PFAS Requirements

PFAS reporting under TSCA Section 8(a)(7) is expected to begin in April 2026, requiring manufacturers and importers to submit detailed information to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) dating back to 2011. Additional modifications to TSCA reporting requirements are pending publication. Many U.S. state-level PFAS rules come into effect in 2026, which include product-specific restrictions, reporting, and labeling requirements depending on the state. On a global scale, product-specific bans or restrictions apply in places like France and Denmark, and in the EU, an update is expected to the Universal PFAS Restriction Proposal, part of the REACH Regulation, in early 2027.

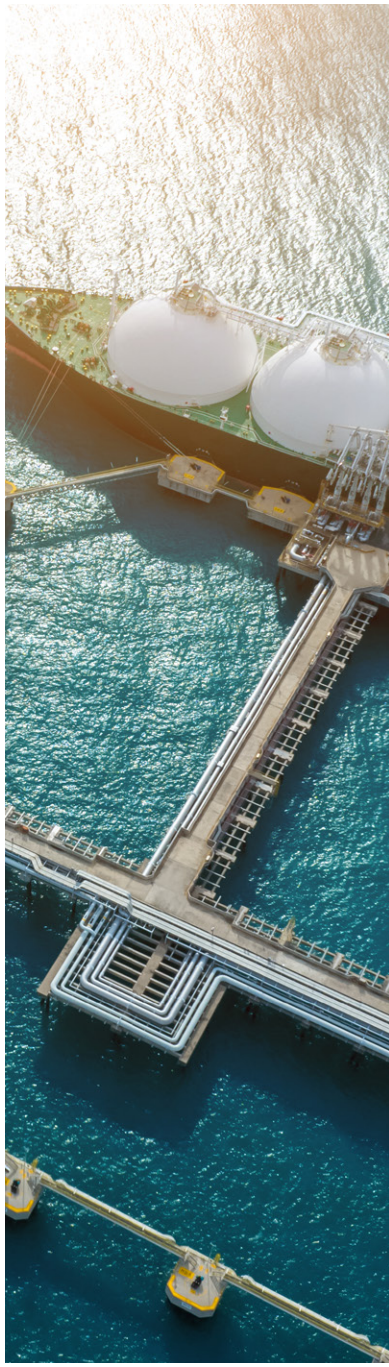
For more information on PFAS reporting and state requirements, visit **our website**.

Extended Producer Responsibility

Throughout 2026, EPR reporting requirements are expanding in both scope and enforcement. Implementation of PPWR in Europe begins in August, while emerging regulations in the U.S. and Canada at the state and provincial levels will create new obligations in North America. Each of these states — Oregon, Colorado, California, Minnesota, Maine, Washington, and Maryland — has its own requirements and deadlines, which may include registering with and joining a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO), fulfilling state-specific reporting obligations, and paying applicable fees. It is important to note that several additional U.S. states have EPR packaging laws currently under evaluation at various levels of government, and companies should remain informed of updates as they occur to support compliance.

Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation

The Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR) covers virtually all products on the EU market. With an initial focus on intermediate products phasing in from 2025–2030[3], the scope will then expand to virtually every product placed on the EU market. Timing of compliance, and producing evidence of compliance, will shift earlier in the product design process for manufacturers. It is imperative for companies to have audit-ready supply chain information available to protect their market access. It is a framework law that lays the foundation for additional rules and requirements on a product-by-product or horizontal (groups of products) basis in the future. Manufacturers need to be prepared to complete Digital Product Passports (DPP) for their in-scope products, with detailed data from their supply chains. The EU is expected to launch a DPP Registry by mid-2026 to support standardized access.



3 European Commission. (2025, April 15). *Commission rolls out plan to boost circular and efficient products in the EU.* https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1071

EU Batteries Regulation (EUBR)

In 2026, EUBR advances key disclosure requirements while manufacturers prepare for the Digital Battery Passport. Companies will need to have accurate, audit-ready supply chain data in order to be ready for the Digital Battery Passport, which becomes mandatory on February 18, 2027.

Companies will also need to prepare for additional deadlines to be added to their calendars in the future. For example, upcoming deadlines for carbon footprint declarations for rechargeable industrial batteries over 2 kWh, and product carbon footprint performance classification requirements for EV batteries, require manufacturers to ready their supply chain data now to be in a position to comply. Manufacturers should also prepare for future labeling requirements by setting up their due diligence program now to ensure it is verified by a notified body by late 2027.

Proposition 65 Labeling

Under a new ruling from California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), short-form labels will be required to specifically name at least one chemical that triggered the exposure warning. This regulatory action also confirms that short-form warnings may be used as safe-harbor warnings for food products, and introduces new tailored safe-harbor warnings for passenger or off-highway motor-vehicle parts and recreational marine-vessel parts. The final rule took effect on January 1, 2025, with a three-year grace period. Any product manufactured and labeled on or after January 1, 2028, must adhere to the new labeling requirements. If you're in scope, this means you'll need to collect substance data from your suppliers to ensure accurate and compliant labeling.

EU Deforestation Regulation

The EUDR has been postponed until December 30, 2026. Manufacturers must take advantage of the delay and use the additional time to strengthen their supply chain traceability, perform risk assessments, and collect data for in-scope products before the deadline applies. As part of simplification measures signed off on by the European Council, companies can expect streamlined due diligence requirements for downstream operators and traders, the removal of printed products from scope, and a simplification review and report by April 30, 2026.

Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

On January 1, 2026, the CBAM permanent system officially came into force, with additional changes likely coming this year. In late December 2025, the EU proposed measures for an extension of scope to downstream steel and aluminum goods in 2028, including automobile parts and household appliances. The proposed expansion would ensure derivative goods with high embedded emissions and carbon leakage risk are accounted for. The Commission also published benchmark and default emissions values. If used in reporting, default values will have a significant premium attached that will increase year over year as the free allocation adjustment reduces. Importers using actual values will require third-party verification of reported emissions, but will benefit from lower prices as the cost of using default values continues to rise.

Assent's Compliance Calendar Timeline

Assent's data campaigning approach aligns with a general regulatory calendar, ensuring manufacturers can build a proactive compliance program without the chaos of constant manual coordination. By aligning supplier engagement and data collection with regulatory cycles, Assent automates key activities, reduces supplier fatigue, and ensures teams always know what's coming next.

The result is a cohesive, repeatable compliance process that improves data quality, strengthens customer confidence, and keeps your business ahead of deadlines and your competition. Depending on your program needs, Assent conducts recurring data campaigns throughout the year:

- **REACH (SVHC Candidate List)**
  Summer Update: June–August
  Winter Update: December–February
- **RoHS Directive**
  May–July
- **Conflict Minerals**
  November–January
- **Proposition 65**
  Spring or Fall
- **Product sustainability-focused regulations**
  Year-long

Learn more about these regulations, and their key deadlines, in our Product Sustainability Handbook.

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The Assent Advantage

Compliance is an ongoing process. That's why it's important to continually strengthen your data quality, improve supplier participation, reduce long-term risk, and build confidence before enforcement begins.

Companies that delay will face steeper challenges: potential penalties, restricted market access, and even product obsolescence. Internal teams need time to gather supplier and product data, establish traceability, validate information, and generate the reports and documentation required for compliance, all while responding to customer requests. Without Assent's supply chain sustainability management solution, preparing before deadlines is nearly impossible.

Assent was named a leader in the Verdantix Green Quadrant: Product Compliance Software 2025 report. Download it today to gain access to in-depth analyses, industry trends, and info on the leading solutions.

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Assent is the only provider that combines leading software, regulatory expertise, managed services, and data into one integrated solution that gives your business the tools to turn time into a competitive advantage. Named a leader in two *Verdantix Green Quadrant* reports, Assent's AI-enhanced platform is powered by millions of data points in the Assent Sustainability Network (ASN). The cloud-based software replaces scattered, manual tools with a single system of record that connects supplier, product, and regulatory data that enables cross-functional teams to access and act on the same insights.

"The regulations are constantly changing, so you have to be able to keep up with that. To do this internally would take an entire team of people."

—Liz Smith, Product Regulatory Compliance Manager, Lippert

Let's turn regulatory uncertainty into the best strategic decision you've made for your business. Book a demo or contact your account representative today.

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