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How to secure Brazilian coffee purchases with labour compliance

The third proof required by the EUDR, documented lot by lot

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THE REQUIREMENT

From 30 December 2026, placing Brazilian coffee on the EU market means proving three things, lot by lot:

1

Traceability of origin

2

Deforestation-free origin

3

Compliance with the laws of the producing country

The first two already have suppliers on the market.

The third does not.

WHY THE THIRD PROOF IS DIFFERENT



Traceability and deforestation are geospatial data problems.

They are solved with satellites, polygons and historical imagery.



Legal compliance is a public-records problem, held inside Brazilian institutions.

No satellite can read a labour infraction notice.

It has to be queried, interpreted and documented from inside Brazil.

WHAT BRAZILIAN LAW COVERS

In Brazil, work analogous to slavery does not only mean forced labour. The law covers four conditions:

01

Forced labour

02

Debt bondage

03

Exhausting working hours

04

Degrading conditions of housing, water and hygiene

The last two do not require any physical restriction on the worker's freedom.

In coffee, they are the most common case.

The harvest relies on seasonal migrant labour, often hired through intermediaries, spread across thousands of small farms. A supplier's signed declaration does not cover this.

THE CADASTRO DE EMPREGADORES

What it is:

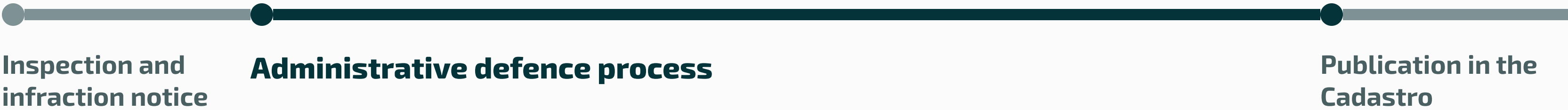
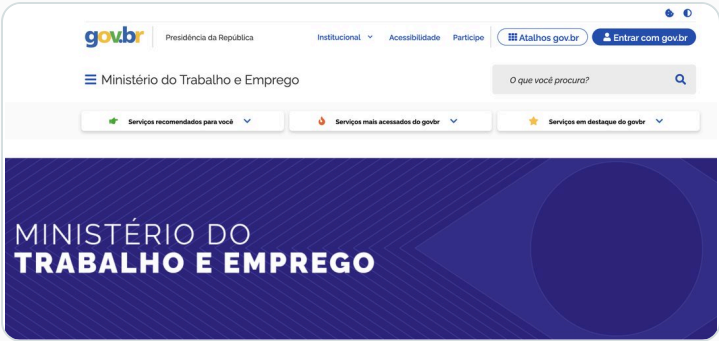
the official list kept by the Ministry of Labour and Employment of employers fined for subjecting workers to these conditions. In Brazil it is known as the “lista suja”.

How it works:

it is public, updated every six months, and a name is only added once the administrative defence process is closed.

The problem for buyers:

that process takes years. When a supplier appears on the list, the risk has already been in your chain for a long time.



**Checking the published list is a late check.
It does not protect the due diligence file.**

THE CASE: AN EXPORTING COOPERATIVE

PROFILE

Coffee exporting cooperative operating across all producing regions of Minas Gerais and São Paulo

Using the CertifiCafé platform since 2024



Approximately

27,000

producers in the supplier base

BEFORE

The process was 100% manual. The internal rule already required checking every supplier, but manually it was not possible to check them all.

TODAY

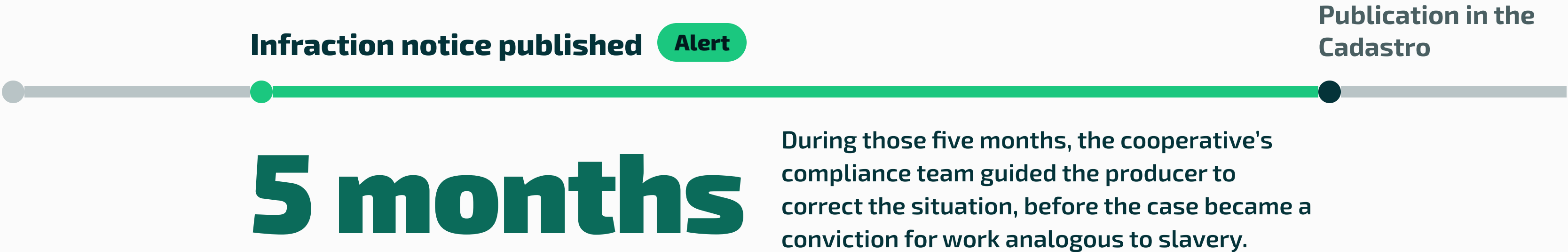
Every supplier is checked, continuously.

THE CASE: THE ALERT ARRIVED FIVE MONTHS EARLIER

The platform continuously monitors official sources and cross-checks every publication against the cooperative's supplier base.

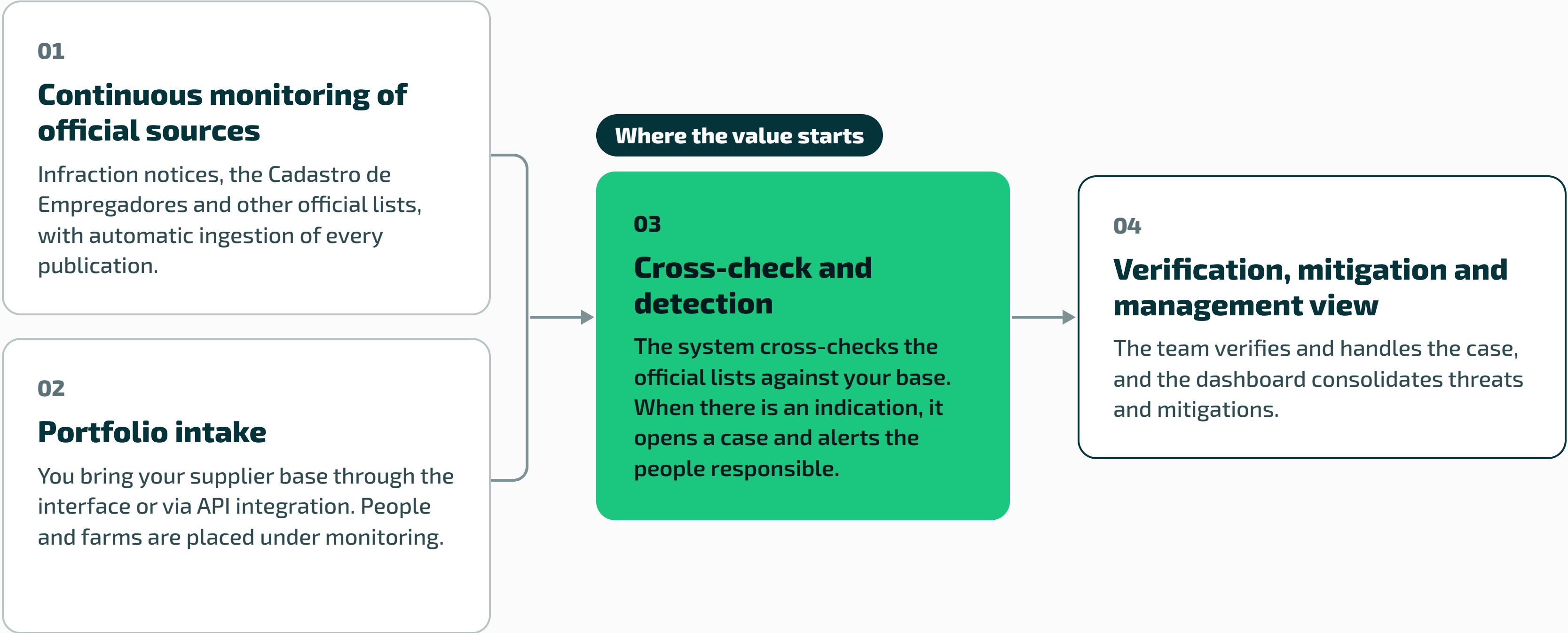
The alert is issued the moment the infraction notice is published.

In this case, the alert arrived five months before the name was published in the Cadastro de Empregadores.



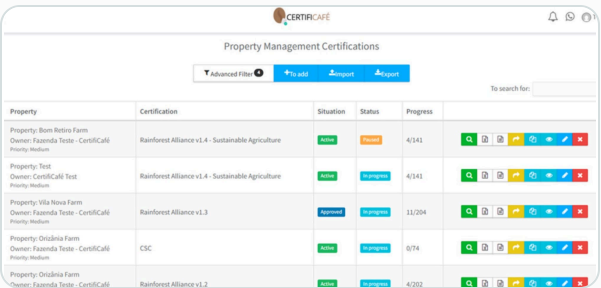
Anyone checking only the published list would have found out five months later, with that producer's coffee already inside the lot.

THE SOLUTION: THE DUE DILIGENCE FLOW



THE SOLUTION: FROM EVIDENCE TO AUDIT FILE

Detecting the risk is half the job. The other half is having the document on file when the auditor asks for it.



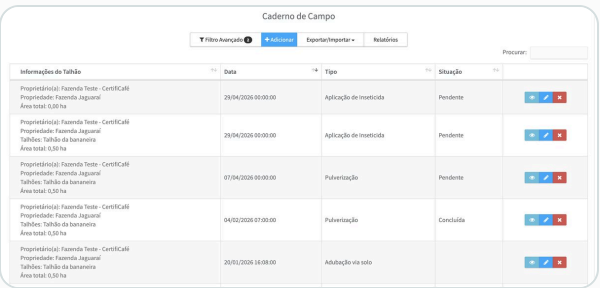
Certification Management

Checklist per requirement, evidence upload, document templates, non-conformity control with action plans and automatic audit reports.



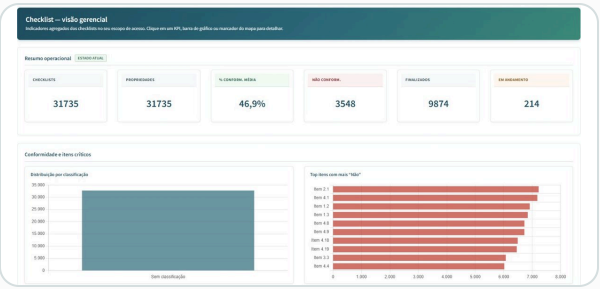
Sustainability Diagnosis

Social and environmental profile of the farm, with an action plan to close the gaps.



Farm Monitoring

Traceability from production to sale, and management of the farm's labour documents.



Sustainability Intelligence

Dashboards with indicators per requirement, including labour compliance.

60%

Work that used to be done by people is now automated.

60% lower certification management cost, measured in team hours dedicated to the manual process.

HOW THIS FITS INTO YOUR DUE DILIGENCE FILE

We are the legal and certification evidence layer, and we integrate with your geospatial data provider.

WHAT YOU RECEIVE PER LOT:

the legality record of every supplier behind that lot's origin, with the evidence attached and dated, in a format you can present at audit.

86,000 producers · 41,000 farms on the platform

Member of the Global Coffee Platform and the Sustainable Coffee Challenge



Twenty minutes is enough to see a real supplier base with its legality record attached.



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