Question for written answer E-001552/2024
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Deforestation Regulation

The Deforestation Regulation is due to enter into force on 30 December 2024. It aims to tackle global deforestation by introducing extensive documentation requirements for distributors of certain products. They will have to collect and verify production chain geolocation data, conduct a risk analysis, submit a due diligence declaration via an EU information system and publish an annual report. The EU information system in question is not expected to be ready on time. Businesses are thus going to have to face a great deal more red tape. There are plans for the Commission to class countries in risk categories, with a view to reducing the amount of red tape involved for products from low-risk countries, but this list has yet to be published.

1. Does the Commission plan to extend the regulation's transposition period to allow for sufficient time to adjust to the new requirements?

2. When will it present the list categorising countries of origin? Will all EU Member States be classed as low-risk?

3. Would it be possible to transfer the due diligence obligations to the initial distributor so the paperwork only has to be done once?

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