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Subject: Exclusion of finished products from the scope of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115

The EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) imposes obligations and restrictions on operators selling certain products. However, the list of products appears arbitrary at times including as it does only raw materials but not finished products. This is the case for coffee, which is included under harmonised customs code 0901. Instant coffee, however, or products based on this substance (covered by customs codes 2101 11 and 2101 12) fall outside its scope, even though they are made from the same raw material.

This disparity distorts competition, placing as it does European producers at a disadvantage since they are subject to due diligence obligations, thus incurring risks and costs, thereby encouraging the import of finished products from outside the EU.

Can the Commission therefore:

1. Disclose and clarify the principles and criteria selected to decide on the inclusion or exclusion of goods originating from the same raw material, with particular reference to coffee?
2. Clarify whether it considers the risk of deforestation to be lower for finished products from third countries?
3. Specify whether it intends to include instant coffee or, alternatively, to exclude coffee completely from the scope of the EUDR, and whether these changes will be made at the same time to avoid distortions of competition between different segments of the sector?

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