

Question for written answer E-003580/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Effects of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 (EUDR) on the Polish wood industry

In view of the planned implementation of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2023 on the making available on the Union market and the export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation (EUDR), I should like to draw the Commission's attention to the deep concern it is causing within the Polish wood industry, and among SMEs in particular. Poland, like most Member States, is not experiencing deforestation. The country's forest area is growing steadily, and the vast majority of timber that is harvested stems from state and private sources operating in accordance with forest management plans and national law. With that in mind, imposing an obligation to collect geolocation data and to carry out complex due diligence procedures seems disproportionate and unnecessary. The introduction of such stringent requirements raises serious concerns about a decline in the competitiveness of the European forestry and timber sector. There is also a risk that the EUDR might, in practice, be used as a tool to restrict timber harvesting, which could have serious economic, social and regional consequences.

1. Is the Commission considering introducing simplified compliance procedures for countries such as Poland, where there is no real risk of deforestation?
2. Is it possible to consider an invoice from a legal source in the EU (e.g. from State Forests, Poland's forest management agency) as sufficient proof of compliance with the EUDR?
3. Will the Commission allow for an overhaul of the EUDR, or of the way in which it is implemented in practice, to prevent excessive red tape for legitimate operators, and does it intend to support Member States in implementing the EUDR via additional guidelines or tools that will facilitate the obligations of businesses, especially SMEs?

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