

Question for written answer E-004171/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: EUDR – EU regulation intended to protect forests but that may stifle small businesses

The Commission has presented its proposal for the implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) and amendments to the regulation. In my opinion, it is impossible for small and medium-sized enterprises to not be subject to the regulation since they often act as subcontractors for larger companies that require full documentation to be maintained. Furthermore, the reasons for which the regulation's entry into force had previously been deferred have not been resolved, as confirmed by Commissioner Jessika Roswall in September when she announced a further one-year deferral of the regulation's entry into force. The regulation's burden for small and medium-sized enterprises was also corroborated by the European Parliament Petitions Committee's mission to Austria in April 2025.

In relation to the above:

1. Is the Commission still considering deferring the regulation's entry into force by one more year?
2. What was the reason behind the shift in position between September 2025 and 21 October 2025, and were additional analyses or reports conducted in this period?
3. Is the Commission aware that this sudden shift in position in a situation that requires national legislation to be aligned to regulation fosters a lack of trust in EU institutions and causes significant issues on related markets?

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