

**Question for written answer E-004608/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: EUDR – Impact on SMEs and retreading industry

Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 on deforestation-free supply chains (EUDR) will enter into force on 30 December 2025.

Bakeries, pastry shops, print shops, joineries and even the tyre retreading industry are warning that there will be major issues in implementing the new due diligence and documentation requirements.

Many craft businesses have complex, globally interconnected supply chains. Even if these businesses are not legally considered as initial distributors, they are nevertheless effectively held responsible through forwarded reference numbers, data-reporting obligations and plausibility checks.

The European retreading industry risks coming to a standstill from 30 December 2025 onwards – which would have serious repercussions for businesses, jobs and the environment – unless Annex I is amended as necessary to ensure that spent tyres or casing used as the ‘base’ of a retreaded tyre are exempt from EUDR’s due-diligence requirements.

1. When does the Commission intend to publish the delegated regulation (Ref. Ares(2025)3099313) amending Annex I of the EUDR?
2. How does the Commission intend to prevent the current design of the EUDR from bringing the European retreading industry to a standstill?
3. How does the Commission intend to ensure that craft businesses are not disproportionately affected by documentation and due diligence requirements?

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