

**Question for written answer E-003686/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Decision-making process and evidence base behind the exclusion of French Guiana from Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 (EU Deforestation Regulation)

The explanatory memorandum to Commission communication COM(2026)0661 states that unnamed ‘stakeholders have warned’ about the impact of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) in French Guiana, yet provides no impact assessment and no data on forest loss, trade flows or compliance costs.

1. How many meetings, calls and written exchanges on excluding French Guiana from the EUDR have taken place since 1 January 2025 between Commissioners, their cabinets or Commission officials and the French Government, the French Permanent Representation or the Collectivité territoriale de Guyane? Please list dates, participants and the requester of each meeting.
2. Who first requested a full territorial exclusion of French Guiana from the EUDR, when, and in what form, and will the Commission make public all related correspondence, including emails, non-papers and briefing notes?
3. Which stakeholders warned that due diligence obligations would hinder food self-sufficiency, and of the 95 contributions to the call for evidence, how many concerned the EUDR at all, and how many explicitly called for a full exclusion rather than targeted relief?

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