

**Question for written answer E-003695/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Refusal of third countries to provide geolocation data and its implications for the implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation

The EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) requires market operators to provide precise geolocation data for each area in which the raw materials concerned are produced and to submit the data via an information system. Major producer countries including Indonesia and Malaysia have pointed out that, under their national data protection and security laws, the geolocation data required is considered protected cannot be readily disclosed to the EU.

1. What view does the Commission take of a situation in which the governments of producer countries (Indonesia and Malaysia), citing national data protection and security legislation, refuse to provide or release – or significantly restrict the provision or release – of geolocation data for areas covered by the EUDR, and what conclusions does the Commission draw from this as regards the applicability of the regulation to market operators who rely on raw materials from the countries concerned?
2. Does the Commission agree that companies must not suffer any disadvantages as a result of the situation described above, and does the Commission intend to come up with any additional guidance, transitional arrangements or relief measures?
3. Does the Commission intend to enter into binding bilateral or multilateral agreements with the third countries concerned on the provision or reciprocal exchange of geodata in order to prevent the emergence of barriers to market access that are effectively equivalent to an import ban, and in that context, how does the Commission assess the risk of lost turnover and a permanent shift in trade flows away from the EU?

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