

**Question for written answer E-004085/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Exemptions from the EU Deforestation Regulation and regions that have a negligible risk of deforestation

Under COM(2026)0661, the Commission proposes to exclude French Guiana from the territorial scope of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115. One of the justifications it gives for this decision is French Guiana's specific regional circumstances and close economic ties to neighbouring countries Brazil and Suriname. Meanwhile, further relief measures for regions that are proven to have a very low or negligible deforestation risk have not yet been provided for.

1. What objective criteria underpin the Commission's consideration that a territorial exemption for French Guiana is justified, but an additional risk category for regions that have a negligible risk of deforestation is not?
2. How does the Commission explain that cross-border interconnections in the timber market in French Guiana are taken into account as a justification for an exemption, but similar interconnections within the European internal market in regions that have a very low risk of deforestation do not enjoy further simplification measures?
3. With this in mind, will the Commission again consider introducing an additional risk category for regions that have a negligible risk of deforestation?

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