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The Commission is committed to implementing EU rules on deforestation in a spirit of close partnership, transparency, and open dialogue. Its aim is to reduce administrative burden for companies while preserving the goals of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)¹. The Commission will continue to work very closely with all stakeholders, to ensure that EU rules deliver on reducing global deforestation and forest degradation in the least burdensome way for companies that should not jeopardise EU competitiveness.

1. On 15 April 2025 the Commission published² a draft Delegated Act to provide further clarifications and simplification on the scope of the EUDR. The draft Delegated Act has been subject to the mandatory 4-week public consultation. The Commission is currently reviewing contributions received from stakeholders, including from the leather sector.

2. The draft Delegated Act was part of a package of measures ensuring further simplifications and reducing the administrative burden to facilitate the implementation of the EUDR. The package includes updated guidance and Frequently Asked Questions providing companies, EU Member States' authorities and partner countries with additional simplified measures and clarifications on how to demonstrate that their products are deforestation-free. Both documents reflect the input from Member States, partner countries, businesses, and industry. This will also guarantee harmonised implementation of the law across the EU.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2023 on the making available on the Union market and the export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation and repealing Regulation (EU) No 995/2010, OJ L 150, 9.6.2023, p. 206–247.

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/api/files/document/print/en/ip_25_1063/IP_25_1063_EN.pdf.