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on behalf of the European Commission
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Prior to presenting the proposal¹ for the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)², the Commission conducted an Impact Assessment to evaluate various policy options, including their environmental, economic and social impact.

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 EUDR. 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.

In 2024, the co-legislators adopted a targeted amendment to the EUDR introducing an additional 12-months phasing in period before its entry into application. The new timeline provided economic operators, third countries, and Member States' competent authorities with additional time for their preparations. The Commission is using the additional 12-months period to provide additional clarity and simplifications for EUDR implementation. To this regard, the Commission published in April 2025 a EUDR simplification package³ containing additional simplified measures for economic operators on how to demonstrate that products are deforestation-free.

The Commission considers that there continues to be a need for binding rules on deforestation in order to combat deforestation effectively and ensure a level playing field for all operators.

¹ https://green-forum.ec.europa.eu/publications/proposal-regulation-amending-deforestation-regulation-regards-date-application_en.

² 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.

³ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1063.