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**Question for written answer E-004608/25
to the Commission
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Subject: EUDR — Impact on SMEs and retreading industry

Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 on deforestation-free supply chains (EUDR) will enter into force on 30 December 2025.

Bakeries, pastry shops, print shops, joineries and even the tyre retreading industry are warning that there will be major issues in implementing the new due diligence and documentation requirements.

Many craft businesses have complex, globally interconnected supply chains. Even if these businesses are not legally considered as initial distributors, they are nevertheless effectively held responsible through forwarded reference numbers, data-reporting obligations and plausibility checks.

The European retreading industry risks coming to a standstill from 30 December 2025 onwards — which would have serious repercussions for businesses, jobs and the environment — unless Annex I is amended as necessary to ensure that spent tyres or casing used as the ‘base’ of a retreaded tyre are exempt from EUDR’s due-diligence requirements.

1. When does the Commission intend to publish the delegated regulation (Ref. Ares(2025)3099313) amending Annex I of the EUDR?
2. How does the Commission intend to prevent the current design of the EUDR from bringing the European retreading industry to a standstill?
3. How does the Commission intend to ensure that craft businesses are not disproportionately affected by documentation and due diligence requirements?

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**Answer given by Ms Roswall on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission presented earlier 2025 a draft Delegated Act with simplifications to be included in Annex I of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) ⁽¹⁾. The Delegated Act was subject to public feedback, and it will be adopted in due course.

The Commission presented a proposal to amend the EUDR in order to reduce the load on the EUDR Information System and ease the administrative burden for economic operators, while maintaining the regulation’s environmental integrity. On 4 December 2025, the co-legislators agreed on the revised EUDR ⁽²⁾.

The new date of entry into application will be 30 December 2026 for all companies except for most micro- or small operators, for which it will be 30 June 2027. For micro- or small operators already covered by the EU Timber Regulation ⁽³⁾, the entry into application will be 30 December 2026.

The amendments to the EUDR also limit the obligation to submit due diligence statements to the first operator placing the relevant products on the market.

Downstream operators, such as retreading industry or craft businesses, will no longer need to submit due diligence statements, nor to pass on the reference numbers further in the supply chain.

The amendments to the EUDR also introduced a change to Annex I of the EUDR by removing printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry from EUDR product scope.

⁽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⁾ Regulation (EU) 2025/2650 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 2025 amending Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 as regards certain obligations of operators and traders, OJ L, 2025/2650, 23.12.2025.

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market, OJ L 295, 12.11.2010, p. 23-34.