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OPEN STATEMENT: A wide coalition of sectors welcomes alignment between Council and European Parliament and urges swift adoption of revised EU Deforestation Regulation

The signatories of this statement, representing primary producers, commodity traders, industries and other value chain actors, reaffirm their full commitment to the objective of halting global deforestation and to the effective implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). At the same time, we underline that the Regulation's effectiveness and credibility have so far been severely undermined by disruptions of the Information System, unclear provisions and disproportionate administrative burden on EU primary producers and businesses, including SMEs.

We therefore welcome the Council and European Parliament's understanding of the severity of the problems and of the urgency to find a compromise that ensures workability and proportionality, while maintaining the core objective of the Regulation intact.

With the 26 November Plenary vote, the European Parliament has given strong support to the much-needed changes to the Regulation already proposed by the Council, effectively addressing several critical shortcomings that remained unresolved in the EU Commission's proposal of 21 October.

In this respect, we stress the following essential elements addressed by the Council and Parliament:

- A transition period, until December 2026 for medium and big companies and June 2027 for small and micro, to adapt to the new rules after the entry into application of the revised Regulation (Art. 38);
- A simplified traceability that concentrates efforts where they are most needed. In this respect, the requirement to collect and transmit reference numbers should not extend to the entire value chain (Art. 5 and 26.4).
- The possibility for small and micro primary producers in low-risk countries to file a one-time simplified declaration and the obligation for Member States to use and make available from existing national and Union-level systems or databases the information needed for this declaration (Art. 4);
- A formal commitment to a targeted simplification review by 30 April 2026, based on real implications and economic impact assessment (Art. 34).

We therefore urge, as a matter of legal certainty and urgency, the co-legislators to formally endorse the agreement reached in the 4 December trilogue, which preserves the above-mentioned provisions and ensures the entry into force of the new rules before 30 December 2025. Failure to do so would risk prolonged legal uncertainty, supply chain disruption, and a loss of trust in the EU's capacity to deliver workable sustainability regulations.

List of co-signatories

APAG - Oleochemicals Europe - TRN 64879142323-90
Bioenergy Europe - TRN 97810874431-67
CEI-Bois - European Confederation of Woodworking Industries - TRN 470333818389-37 (*with the exception of Metsäteollisuus ry and Puutuoteteollisuus ry, which will not co-sign this letter*).
CELCAA - European Liaison Committee for Agricultural and Agri-food trade - TRN 546282614966-51
CEPF - Confederation of European Forest Owners - TRN 3647455667-08
CEPI - European Confederation of the Pulp & Paper Industry - TRN 72279144480-58
CESIO - European Committee of Organic Surfactants and their Intermediates - TRN 64879142323-90
CITPA - The International Confederation of Paper and Board Converters in Europe - TRN 82090737179-17
COCERAL - European association of trade in cereals, oilseeds, rice, pulses, olive oil, oils and fats, animal feed and agro-supply - TRN 2050009628-31
COPA-COGECA - European Farmers and Agri-Cooperatives - TRN Copa 44856881231-49 | Cogeca: 09586631237-74
COTANCE - Confederation of National Associations of Tanners and Dressers of the European Community - TRN 077706416598-79
ECMA - European Carton Makers Association - TRN 948591610750-02
EDANA - Association of the nonwovens and related industries - TRN 0120704687-67
EFIC - European Furniture Industries Confederation - TRN 95910795422-52
ELO - European Landowners' Organization - TRN 36063991244-88
EOS - European Organisation of the Sawmill Industry - TRN 024776016336-52
EPF - European Panel Federation - TRN 572064811767-22
EPLF - European Producers of Laminate Flooring Association - TRN 899484345328-53
ETTF - European Timber Trade Federation - TRN 151485550468-20
FECOF - Federation Europeenne des Communes Forestieres - TRN 22553705184-17
FEDIOL - The EU Vegetable Oil and Proteinmeal Industry - TRN 8507600232131
FEFAC - European Feed Manufacturers' Federation - TRN 77105321408-83
FEFCO - European Federation of Corrugated Board Manufacturers - TRN 716182712301-64
FEFPEB - European Federation of Wooden Pallet and Packaging Manufacturers - TRN 924074750032-19
FEP - European Parquet Federation - TRN 294492727880-53
INTERGRAF - European Trade association of the graphic industry - TRN 15519132837-45
UECBV - The European Livestock and Meat Trades Union - TRN 4422649896-52

