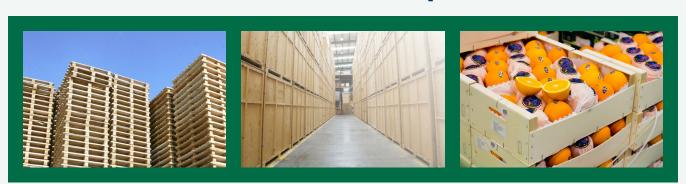


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FEFPEB News Alert on EUDR: Commission proposal for targeted EUDR Simplification



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Please <u>click here</u> to find here the Commission proposal for a targeted EUDR simplification.

Herewith also be informed that Commissioner Roswall has just made a doorstep statement, announcing a targeted simplification of the EUDR. Please <u>click here</u> to see the video.

Please find below a summary of the main statements and the Q&A.

Main statements:

- * Targeted simplification in two major areas:
 - Micro and small holders will be taken out of the scope: no need to do due diligence, only a declaration expected to help with relieving the burden on the IT system
 - Only those placing the product on the market for the first time will do the due diligence statement the other actors in the value chain (including downstream operators) will only keep the reference numbers of the due diligence statements
- * Targeted simplification allows for the application of the legislation as follows:
 - Big companies to apply EUDR from 1st of January 2026 with 6-month phase in period when there will be no penalties and sanctions
 - Micro and small companies will apply EUDR from 1st January 2027
- * With this targeted and balanced package, we can do both things: commitment to objective of fighting deforestation and commitment to implement legisaltion in an effective way

Q&A:

- * Q: Is this a response to trade partners' concerns about the EUDR?
 - A: We had issues with the IT System, we expect that this package will solve those IT issues, and it makes the legislation as such effectively implemented
- * Q: Are you keeping the one-year delay:
 - A: No, there will only be a six-month phase-in period. Large operators are already ready to comply from 1st January 2026, with the phase in period. From 1st January 2027, small and micro companies will also apply the legislation. With these changes, the IT problem will be resolved.
- * Q: Will the simplified approach regarding micro and small holder apply only to low-risk countries?
 - A: No, it will apply to all risk levels.
- * Q: Are you confident that co-legislators will keep the proposal as it is?
 - A: Since there is little time left, I expect legislators will want to conclude the process smoothly. I have already done a lot of reach out both to Parliament and Council.
- *Q: Why not introduce a one-year delay?
 - A: The targeted simplifications will ease the burden on the IT system (that was the reason I sent the letter).
- * Q: Is it not risky to reopen the file now, especially with far-right majorities?
 - A: The Commission remains committed to fighting deforestation and making implementation effective, and she sees the same commitment from the co-legislators.
- * Q: What if the Council and Parliament add a zero-risk category?
 - A: Roswall considers this approach problematic and suggests focusing on the proposal presented today.

The EUDR situation will be presented and analyzed by **Claudia Sonda** of **CEI Bois** at the FEFPEB congress that will be held in two days from now.

Best regards,

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