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Subject: Your E-mail regarding EUDR

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

I would like to thank you for your e-mail from last December relaying your concerns related to the Regulation on Deforestation-free products (hereafter EUDR) sent to President von der Leyen and to Commissioner Roswall. I was asked to reply on their behalf.

First, let me thank you for your support for this important legislation. Let me also reassure you that the EUDR remains the EU's flagship instrument for halting global deforestation and forest degradation driven by the EU consumption. The EU remains fully committed to maintaining its global leadership in tackling deforestation in line with our commitments under the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use, the Paris Agreement, and the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

As you are aware, on 19th December the co-legislators adopted a revised EUDR. The new text builds on the October Commission proposal while adding an extra period before the entry into application (now 30 December 2026). The agreed text limits the obligation to submit due diligence statements to the first operator placing the relevant products on the market. It also exempts micro and small primary operators, i.e. small producers who sell their products directly on the EU market, from regular submissions of due diligence statements, replaced by a one-time simplified declaration.

Finally and importantly, the agreed text provides predictability and certainty with regard to the regulatory framework, which is key for business and competent authorities in order to ensure a successful implementation.

We fully acknowledge and greatly welcome the efforts that companies have already undertaken and continue to make to align with the EUDR requirements. These efforts will not be lost, as the work already done – such as establishing traceability systems, improving supply chain transparency, and implementing due diligence– forms the foundation for compliance with the regulatory framework as from end 2026.

The Commission will continue to work closely with businesses, public authorities and other stakeholders to ensure the smooth start of the entry into application of the EUDR at the end of 2026 and facilitate its further implementation.

Yours sincerely,

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