

To: Jessika Roswall, Commissioner for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy

CC: Eric Maner, Director-General, Directorate-General for Environment; Sarah Nelen, Acting Director, DG ENV.F Green Diplomacy and Multilateralism

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Joint cross-commodity call to EU Commission to provide urgent clarifications and workable solutions for EUDR implementation

Dear Commissioner Roswall,

The undersigned organisations, representing key stakeholders across various supply chains, are actively engaged in preparing for the implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). We are committed to supporting the regulation's objectives and have been working diligently with our member companies to align systems, practices, and due diligence processes accordingly.

Now, with the 30 June 2025 milestone behind us, we find ourselves at a critical juncture. We are writing to urgently request clear, timely, and practical guidance from the European Commission on the next steps and future direction of the EUDR.

Amid growing speculation and public debate around potential changes—such as simplification or reopening of the regulation—companies are operating in an environment of significant uncertainty. Regardless of what course the European Commission may choose, we stress that businesses require immediate clarity on the implementation timeline and any planned adjustments to ensure legal certainty and operational preparedness.

Our members are making substantial investments to ensure EUDR compliance. Providing a clear perspective for the upcoming months is of utmost importance, considering that substantial investments have been made and preparations are still ongoing to ensure EUDR compliance. Failing this could lead to serious disruptions in supply chains. The impact would extend across essential sectors — ranging from food, feed, chemicals, and packaging, to hygiene products, tyres, automotive components, construction materials, furniture, books and printed media, bioenergy, and more.

We urgently call on the European Commission and Member States to (1) **provide clear and public communication on the expected timeline for EUDR implementation** (clarify whether any amendments, delays, or simplifications are under consideration), (2) offer **workable, practical guidance** that enables businesses to continue preparing in a legally sound and commercially viable manner, and (3) **ensure that the FAQs and guidance documents disseminated by the EU Commission for implementation purposes are met with consistent acceptance across all 27 Member States** and their competent authorities. Additionally, it is crucial that any emergent interpretations are exclusively channelled via the EU Commission to uphold uniformity in understanding and application.

Timely action is essential to safeguard the effectiveness of the regulation and to avoid unintended disruptions in the supply of critical goods to the EU market.

We thank you for your attention to this pressing matter and look forward to your prompt response and continued engagement with our sectors.

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The undersigned associations:

- *APAG – Oleochemicals Europe (a sector group of Cefic)*
- *AVEC – The Voice of European Poultry Meat Sector*
- *CEPI – Confederation of European Paper Industries*
- *CESIO – Surfactants Europe (a sector group of Cefic)*
- *ECA – European Cocoa Association*
- *ETRMA – European Tyre & Rubber Manufacturers Association*
- *FEDIOL – EU Vegetable Oil and Protein meal Industry*
- *FEFAC – European Feed Manufacturers' Federation*
- *FEP – European Parquet Federation*
- *FEP – Federation of European Publishers*
- *FoodDrinkEurope*



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This letter has also been sent to:

- *Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission*
- *Christophe Hansen, Commissioner for Agriculture and Food*
- *Elisabeth Werner, Director General for Agriculture*
- *Maroš Šefčovič, Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security*
- *Sabine Weyand, Director General for Trade*