

EU Deforestation Regulation: Commission proposes 12 month delay to implementation

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Proposal for a Regulation amending the EU Deforestation Regulation as regards provisions relating to the date of application

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has proposed a delay in implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) so that it will apply from **30 December 2025** for large EU companies, and **30 June 2026** for micro- and small EU companies, 12 months later than originally planned.

The proposal to delay the EUDR is in response to concerns expressed by some EU Member States and trading partners that many operators are not sufficiently prepared to comply with all the Regulation's requirements by the end of 2024.

On 15 November, the European Parliament voted in favour of the Commission's proposal for a 12-month delay. The Parliament also proposed to amend the previously agreed categorisation of individual countries' deforestation risk. In addition to the agreed three categories – high risk, standard risk, and low risk – the Parliament proposes to introduce a fourth “no risk” category. Under this proposal, operators putting on the market products from “no risk” countries would have to provide certain documentation requirements, but would not have to produce a due diligence statement for those products.

The European Commission, Council of the EU, and European Parliament will now enter negotiations on the amendments proposed by the Parliament.

Timeline

As the European Parliament's proposed amendments go beyond the Commission's initial suggested 12-month delay, these will need to be negotiated with the Commission and the Council. The three institutions could agree compromises or, in the absence of agreement, the Commission could withdraw its proposal for a delay.

A final legal text will have to be adopted by both institutions before the end of 2024 in order for the proposed delay to take effect.

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