



US Forest Sector Calls for EUDR postponement and a more Considered Approach to Simplification

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The European Commission’s recent proposals for EUDR simplification and a partial delay undermine certainty and do not reflect the need for more workable obligations for responsible supply chains. The undersigned organizations, representing the U.S. forestry and forest products sector value chain, urge the EU Parliament and Council to avoid a rushed process and pursue meaningful simplification with great care. A full delay is needed to engage in productive dialogue with forest owners and operators in highly forested, low-risk countries like the U.S. to understand implementation challenges and reduce unintended consequences.

Simplifying a law of this global scale requires appropriate time for focused, deliberate action to reduce compliance burdens while maintaining the law’s rigor and focus on combatting global deforestation. We encourage the EU to take a more careful and considered approach to simplification, which can ultimately strengthen the law and ensure effective and equitable implementation across all affected commodities and geographies. In addition, a fully functioning IT system before application is a must to avoid trade disruptions.

The U.S. forestry and forest products sector remains committed to sustainable forest management and deforestation-free forest products. We welcome continued collaboration with EU institutions to ensure that the EUDR is effective, enforceable, and fair.

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