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**BusinessEurope stands fully behind the objectives of the EU Deforestation-Free Products Regulation (EUDR)** as an instrument that can contribute to the fight against deforestation and the serious threat that it entails for the environment and our social and economic prosperity. European companies remain committed to effectively implement the Regulation and have dedicated a significant effort and investment over the past years to this end.

Nevertheless, **the need to simplify the EUDR remains strong and urgent**. This is due to the complexity of the Regulation, despite the additional guidance and clarifications provided by the European Commission. Economic operators require a high level of legal certainty and predictability that can only be provided by re-opening the Regulation for targeted textual and structural changes that ensures that the rules are clear, proportionate, efficient, and implementable.

To this end, we would like to reiterate our call to specifically, and as a priority, **simplify due diligence requirements in the context of the EUDR by focusing on products placed in the internal market for the first time**. This approach – where due diligence requirements are concentrated on those parts of the supply chain where deforestation can be controlled more effectively – will significantly reduce costs and the administrative burden caused by the multiplication of due diligence statements (DDS), while ensuring that the objectives of the Regulation are fulfilled. At a practical level, as it will not be required for downstream operators to use TRACES, overburdening the information system, which is currently seriously strained, will be ultimately avoided.

Concerning the European Commission announcement of its intention to propose the postponement of entry into implementation of the Regulation for 12 months, we ask for **this period to be used effectively to work on an ambitious yet targeted simplification of the EUDR**. In our view, this is the best way to contribute to its effective implementation. While the challenges that the information system faces are significant, we are not convinced that technical fixes alone, without looking at the underlying provisions of the Regulation itself, will be able to provide the needed solutions.

As 30 December 2025 – the current date of the entry into implementation of the EUDR – is around the corner, **it is urgent that the European Commission moves fast with the proposals on the implementation of the Regulation**. We must ensure there is enough time for discussion with co-legislators and stakeholders and to adopt the necessary decisions in good form.