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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Camera dei Deputati for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the Deforestation Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 as regards certain obligations of operators and traders (COM(2025) 652 final) (hereafter, the EUDR).

The objective of the Regulation on deforestation-free products is to limit the Union's contribution to worldwide deforestation and forest degradation, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions and global biodiversity loss while ensuring a level playing field. To ensure that the EUDR is compliant with international trade rules under the World Trade Organisation, it is non-discriminatory and applies the same rules to all products that are put on the EU market or exported.

On 21 October 2025, the Commission adopted a proposal to amend the EUDR to reduce the load on the EUDR IT system and ease the administrative burden for economic operators, while maintaining the Regulation's environmental integrity.

The co-legislators adopted the amending Regulation in December 2025 and it entered into force on 26 December 2025. The agreed text builds on the Commission proposal, while adding an extra period before the entry into application and introducing some changes on substance. More specifically, the EUDR will enter into application on 30 December 2026 with regard to all companies except for most micro- or small operators, for which the entry into application is 30 June 2027. For micro- or small operators already covered by the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR), the entry into application will be 30 December 2026.

In addition, the revised 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, that is, micro and small producers established in low-risk countries who sell their products directly on the EU market, from regular submissions of due diligence statements, replaced by a one-time simplified declaration.

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The revised text of the EUDR provides predictability and certainty as regards to the regulatory framework, which is key for business and competent authorities in order to ensure a successful implementation.

The Commission takes the opportunity to convey its appreciation for Italy's constructive position during the legislative process, including its support for the Commission proposal and for the amendments from the Council, which were included in the revised text adopted by the co-legislators in December 2025.

The Commission welcomes the support of the Camera dei Deputati on a stable regulatory framework, which is the backbone of European competitiveness, as well as its support for the simplification agenda the Commission keeps pursuing to alleviate administrative burden across all economy sectors. The Commission has duly taken note of the concerns expressed by the Camera dei Deputati in its Opinion as regards the absence of an impact assessment on the proposal.

In accordance with Article 33 of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115, the Commission, in close cooperation with the Member States and other stakeholders, developed an information system for the submission of due diligence statements which was launched on 4 December 2024. However, projections in the summer of 2025 on the number of expected operations and interactions in that information system led to a substantial reassessment of the expected load on the system, indicating a much higher traffic than anticipated.

Therefore, the Commission presented a proposal in October 2025 with targeted changes to the Regulation, with a view to reduce the number of interactions with the EUDR information system. The EUDR had to be amended before the planned entry into application of the Regulation at the end of 2025, given the risk that the IT system could become unable to handle the expected number of interactions, which could have had serious repercussions on trade flows and on businesses. The objective of the proposed amendments was to ensure and maintain a well-functioning IT system supporting economic operators in the implementation of the EUDR.

Carrying out an impact assessment prior to the presentation of a legislative proposal would have impaired the objective to finalise the co-decision process before the entry into application of the EUDR at the end of 2025.

The revised text adopted by the co-legislators will support a more efficient and effective implementation, including through a significant reduction of the data load on the information system.

As part of the review agreed by the co-legislators, foreseen by end of April 2026, the Commission continues to work on simplification in the implementation of the EUDR and its IT system within the boundaries of the agreed text. The Commission will incorporate stakeholders' inputs in the review through a new draft Delegated Act on Annex I of the EUDR which lists the relevant products covered by the Regulation, an Implementing Act on the Information System, as well as updated FAQs and guidance documents which will be consulted with Member States to ensure a pragmatic and flexible implementation of the EUDR.

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

The Commission hopes that the clarifications provided in this reply address the concerns raised by the Camera dei Deputati and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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