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As the Honourable Member might be aware, on 21 October 2025, the Commission presented a proposal¹ to amend the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)², in order to reduce the load on the EUDR Information Technology (IT) system and ease the administrative burden for economic operators, while maintaining the Regulation's environmental integrity. The proposal introduced targeted simplifications and transition periods to ensure a smooth and effective implementation of the EUDR. Without these changes, the IT system would not be able to function.

The co-legislators have agreed in December 2025 on a revised EUDR. The new 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 agreed 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, i.e. small producers who sell their products directly on the EU market, from regular submissions of due diligence statements, replaced by a one-time simplified declaration.

This addresses some of the specific concerns the Honourable Member has raised with regard to the wood and furniture companies. In addition, 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 Regulation³, the entry into application will be 30 December 2026.

Finally, and importantly, the agreed text provides predictability and certainty with regard to the regulatory framework, which is key for businesses and competent authorities in order to ensure a successful implementation.

¹ Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 as regards certain obligations of operators and traders, COM/2024/452 final.

² Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2023 on the making available on the Union market and the export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation and repealing Regulation (EU) No 995/2010, OJ L 150, 9.6.2023, p. 206–247.

³ Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market, OJ L 295, 12.11.2010, pp. 23–34.