

**Question for written answer E-000829/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Commission's acquiescence to third country pressure on EU deforestation regulation

The Financial Times, referring to information from EU officials, has reported that the EU intends to delay the strict enforcement of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115¹, which aims to reduce forest degradation caused by overconsumption in the EU and is an important part of the Green Deal. The decision follows complaints from Asian, African and Latin American governments who consider the new regulations and requirements to be very burdensome and unfair and are calling for more time to adapt².

1. Can the Commission confirm that, as a result of pressure from developing countries, the classification into low-, standard- and high-risk groups which was to have been implemented by December 2024 will be postponed and that a regional rather than a national breakdown will eventually be applied, and, if so, why is the Commission understanding of this and yielding to the demands of governments and farmers from third countries, while remaining steadfast against our farmers who are protesting against the Green Deal across the EU?
2. Does the Commission envisage a shortage on the EU market of goods covered by the EUDR as a result of the entry into force of the new requirements, such as determining the precise geolocation of production areas, which may be impossible to meet, especially for smaller farms in remote parts of the world?
3. Has the Commission carried out an assessment of the impact of implementing the EUDR on the prices of goods which are subject to it?

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¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023R1115>

² <https://www.ft.com/content/8dab4dc6-197b-4a2f-86f0-d5e83ce00b09>