

Deforestation Regulation: provisions relating to the date of application

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The European Parliament adopted by 546 votes to 97, with 7 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 as regards provisions relating to the date of application.

The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure, taking over the Commission proposal.

The aim of the proposed regulation is to **postpone by one year** the date of application of the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 on deforestation which lay down obligations for operators, traders and competent authorities.

Under the amending regulation, large operators and traders will now have to comply with the obligations of the deforestation regulation from 30 December 2025, and micro and small enterprises from **30 June 2026**.

To provide operators and traders with the information on assignment of risk to relevant countries of production well in advance of the date from which their due diligence obligations apply, the date by which the Commission is to classify countries, or parts thereof, that present a low or high risk should be postponed by only **6 months** (until 30 June 2025).

The Commission stated that it remained committed to **reducing the burden on businesses** by reducing administrative requirements and eliminating unnecessary red tape.

In order to ensure predictability of the application of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 for operators, traders, producing countries and competent authorities, the Commission strongly commits to ensure that both the Information System and the proposal for the risk classification should be available as soon as possible but no later than six months before the regulation enters into application.

In the context of the general review of the regulation, expected no later than 30 June 2028, the Commission will analyse, based where appropriate on an impact assessment, additional measures to simplify and reduce the administrative burden.