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2025/0329(COD)	Procedure completed
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Deforestation Regulation: certain obligations of operators and traders	
Amending Regulation 2023/1115 2021/0366(COD)	
<b>Subject</b>	
3.10.11 Forestry policy 3.70.01 Protection of natural resources: fauna, flora, nature, wildlife, countryside; biodiversity	

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Key events			
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21/10/2025	Legislative proposal published	COM(2025)0652 	
05/11/2025	Urgent procedure requested by a committee		
12/11/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
13/11/2025	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T10-0295/2025	Summary
26/11/2025	Matter referred back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations		
15/12/2025	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	GEDA/A/(2025)005950	
17/12/2025	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T10-0331/2025	Summary
18/12/2025	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
19/12/2025	Final act signed		
23/12/2025	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2025/0329(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation 2023/1115 2021/0366(COD)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 170-p6 Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 192-p1
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/10/04338

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading /single reading		T10-0295/2025	13/11/2025	Summary

**Council of the EU**

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement	GEDA/A/(2025)005950	10/12/2025	
Draft final act	00060/2025/LEX	18/12/2025	

**European Commission**

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2025)0652 	21/10/2025	

**National parliaments**

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Contribution	ES_PARLIAMENT	COM(2025)0652	11/12/2025	
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Contribution	RO_SENATE	COM(2025)0652	05/01/2026	

**Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure****Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs**

Transparency				
Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
SCHNEIDER Christine	Rapporteur	ENVI	02/12/2025	Bundesverband der Deutschen Süßwarenindustrie
BURKHARDT Delara	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	19/11/2025	Industriegewerkschaft Bergbau, Chemie, Energie
CANFIN Pascal	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	06/11/2025	Barry Callebaut AG
CANFIN Pascal	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	31/10/2025	Bunge Ltd Cargill Abiove
CANFIN Pascal	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	28/10/2025	Padre Edilberto Sena
CANFIN Pascal	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	27/10/2025	World Wide Fund for Nature
CANFIN Pascal	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	06/10/2025	Osapiens Services GMBH
CANFIN Pascal	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	01/10/2025	Ikea

**Other Members**

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Transparency		
Name	Date	Interest representatives
LUENA César	19/11/2025	Ecologistas en Accion
GERBRANDY Gerben-Jan	18/11/2025	Greenpeace European Unit WWF European Policy Programme EIA
DE MEO Salvatore	18/11/2025	Nestlé S.A.
GLÜCK Andreas	12/11/2025	Continental AG
LUENA César	06/11/2025	Acumen Public Affairs NAFO
LUENA César	03/11/2025	European Cocoa Association
GLÜCK Andreas	14/10/2025	Fressnapf Holding

Final act
Regulation 2025/2650 OJ OJ L 23.12.2025

## Deforestation Regulation: certain obligations of operators and traders

2025/0329(COD) - 17/12/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 405 votes to 242, with 8 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 certain obligations of operators and traders.

As a reminder, the proposal aims to simplify certain reporting obligations and align deadlines while preserving the objectives of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 on the making available on the Union market and export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation.

The position adopted by the European Parliament at first reading amends the proposal as follows:

### ***One-year postponement for all undertakings***

According to the amended text, undertakings will have **an additional year** to comply with the new rules aimed at preventing deforestation. Large operators and traders should comply with the obligations of the deforestation regulation from **30 December 2026**, and micro and small enterprises from **30 June 2027**. This extension is necessary to allow third countries, Member States, operators, and traders to be fully prepared, and in particular to allow these operators and traders to fully comply with their obligations.

Moreover, the definition of **micro or small primary operators** should include operators who exceed the limits of at least two of the three criteria set out in Article 3 of [Directive 2013/34/EU](#) but who can demonstrate that the parts of their balance sheet total, net turnover and average number of employees during the financial year which relate to the relevant commodities and the relevant products do not exceed the limits of at least two of three of those criteria.

### ***Simplification of due diligence requirements***

The amended text stipulates that the **first downstream operator** or trader, whether or not it is a small or medium-sized enterprise, should continue to ensure full traceability by collecting reference numbers of due diligence statements and declaration identifiers assigned to micro or small producers. The obligation to collect and keep reference numbers should apply only to the first downstream operator or trader and should not apply to other downstream operators or traders further down in the supply chain.

The changes introduced will also reduce the obligations of micro and small primary operators, who will now only have to submit **a single simplified declaration**.

As part of the simplification efforts, the administrative burden resulting from the obligations for micro or small primary operators to submit a one-time simplified declaration should be reduced by allowing them to **replace the geolocation of plots of land by the postal address of the plots of land** or of the establishment from where the relevant commodities that the relevant product contains, or has been made using, were produced, provided that the postal address clearly corresponds to the geographic location of the plots of land or establishment concerned. This gives micro or small primary operators the free choice of providing either the geolocation of the plots of land or the postal address of the plots of land or of respective establishment.

### **Facilitating the implementation of the regulation**

The Commission should facilitate the harmonised implementation of the regulation:

- by publishing relevant guidelines,
- by ensuring continued dialogue with experts, stakeholders and all relevant operators, including micro or small primary operators, downstream operators and traders,
- by developing best practices and gathering technical feedback from the existing Commission expert group multi-stakeholder platform on the protection and restoration of the planet's forests, and
- by promoting adequate information exchange, coordination and cooperation between the competent authorities, between the competent authorities and the customs authorities, and between the competent authorities and the Commission.

### **Review**

Ahead of the general review of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 to be carried out by 30 June 2030, the Commission should carry out a simplification review of that Regulation and should present a report **by 30 April 2026**. The report should evaluate the administrative burden and impact of that Regulation, in particular for micro or small operators. Furthermore, in the report, the Commission should indicate possible ways to address the identified issues, including through technical guidelines, improvements to the IT system, and delegated or implementing acts, and, where appropriate, should accompany the report with a **legislative proposal**.

## **Deforestation Regulation: certain obligations of operators and traders**

2025/0329(COD) - 13/11/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 402 votes to 211, with 11 abstentions, **amendments** to the 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.

The issue was referred back to relevant committee for interinstitutional negotiations.

As a reminder, the proposal aims to simplify certain reporting obligations and align timelines while preserving the objectives of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 on the making available on the Union market and export from the Union of certain basic products and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation.

### ***One-year postponement for all companies***

According to Parliament, companies will have **an additional year** to comply with the new rules aimed at preventing deforestation. Large operators and traders will now have to comply with the obligations of the deforestation regulation from **30 December 2026**, and micro and small enterprises from **30 June 2027**. This extension is necessary to allow third countries, Member States, operators, and traders to be fully prepared, and in particular to allow these operators and traders to put in place the necessary due diligence systems covering all relevant commodities and products, so that they can fully comply with their obligations.

### ***Simplification of due diligence statements***

The amended text stipulates the **first downstream operators or traders (not all operators)**, whether or not they are SMEs, should continue to ensure full traceability by collecting reference numbers of due diligence statements and declaration identifiers assigned to micro and small producers. This obligation to collect and keep reference numbers should only apply to the first down-stream operator and should not apply to all others down-stream operators further down in the supply chain.

The amendments made by the Members will also reduce the obligations of micro and small primary operators, who will now only have to submit a **one-time simplified declaration**.

As part of the simplification efforts, the administrative burden resulting from the obligations for micro and small primary operators to submit a one-time simplified declaration and to collect information should be reduced by allowing them to replace the geolocation of plots of land by the postal address of the plots of land or of the establishment from where the relevant commodities that the relevant product contains, or has been made using, were produced, provided that the postal address clearly corresponds to the geographic location of the plots or establishment concerned. This gives micro and small primary operators the free choice of providing either the geolocation of the plots of land or the postal address of the plots of land or of respective establishment.

### **Review**

By **30 April 2026**, the Commission will carry out a simplification review of this Regulation. This report should evaluate the administrative burden and impact of the regulation, particularly on micro and small operators. Furthermore, the Commission should outline possible ways to address the identified issues, including through technical guidelines, improvements to the IT system, delegated or implementing acts, and, where appropriate, include a **legislative proposal** with the report.

The Commission will establish a permanent stakeholder group and shall ensure continued exchange with experts, stakeholders and operators to develop best practices and collect technical feedback after the entry into application of the Regulation.

