

Civil Society Organizations call EU MEPs, European Commission and Member States to respect the approved EUDR text and ensure its full and transparent enforcement from December 31, 2025.

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Some EU Member States as well as [two objections raised by the European Parliament](#) have proposed introducing an “insignificant” category (also called “no-risk”) in the EUDR benchmarking methodology for risk classification, among other simplifications. A “no-risk” category would exempt operators from geolocation and transparency requirements under the Due Diligence process to be conducted, despite these being core pillars of an impactful EUDR. These motions were submitted to vote on 24th June, ironically at the same time of UN climate meeting in Bonn.

These proposals aim to reduce the perceived administrative burden of the Regulation and would primarily benefit companies operating within Europe. How can Europe demand efforts from the Global South while refusing to move away from business as usual? Such resistance undermines global efforts to reduce deforestation, conversion and degradation, and to ensure a livable climate and future for all —goals at the very heart of the EUDR. Carbon emissions linked to deforestation are a global challenge and require a collective response—not just from the Global South, or from countries with vast forest areas or high deforestation rates.

The recent delays, objections and other lobbies to weaken the regulation and its transparency requirements reflect a total blindness to the existential challenges of our time, as well as protectionist, self-serving, and hypocritical stance that caters to narrow short-term interests, dismissing what is cynically labeled as an “administrative burden”—when, in reality, it is a question of safeguarding our collective future. Attempts to dismantle years of progress in building a major global mechanism to combat deforestation, and the refusal to adopt minimal measures necessary for securing our future, risk forever marking Europe's climate irresponsibility in history.

European consumers have overwhelmingly expressed support for a strong EUDR. We also, as representatives from the Global South and North civil society and partners. We no longer accept deforestation nor the blood of traditional peoples in our food. The EUDR has been thoroughly debated and democratically adopted. It induces unprecedented progress in transparency tools and more ethical, deforestation and conversion-free (DCF) supply chains all over the Planet. Weakening or further postponing it would be an enormous loss and an affront to democracy and a stain on Europe's moral credibility.

We cannot wait anymore, there is no excuse. The climate emergency cannot stand any short-sighted attitudes from any authority or company, at the cost of losses and suffering of millions. We have seen the capacity of companies and countries to set relevant and accurate tools to comply with EUDR and achieve its objective of conserving forests and other ecosystems. There is no time left to delay, no excuse remains. The climate emergency renders any postponement not only reckless but also unacceptably costly in human, ecological, and economic terms. Protecting natural ecosystems is fundamental to climate justice. Any delay or weakening of the EUDR risks contributing to imminent climate chaos—manifested in heatwaves, droughts, and wildfires. This could render vast regions unproductive and uninhabitable, triggering unprecedented displacement and climate-driven migration of millions of people. Resistance to implementing the EUDR would only exacerbate geopolitical tensions and regional conflicts.

We call for the timely, full, and transparent implementation of the EUDR by December 31, 2025, and as outlined in the current regulation text and the European Commission's guidance. The efforts of EU Member States, the European Parliament, and the Commission must remain focused on supporting—not hollowing out—the EUDR. The time to act is NOW to tackle the climate crisis!

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