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Company statement: We need legal legal certainty, stability and predictability on the EU Deforestation Regulation

As representatives of companies and trade associations committed to improving the quality, safety, and sustainability of products consumed across Europe, we call on EU policymakers to stay the course. Reopening the legislative process now would inject uncertainty, delay climate action, and penalize those who have invested in doing the right thing.

Political pressure against the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) is currently building up. The European Parliament will soon vote on a resolution asking the European commission to revise the EUDR's country risk classification. Some of the EU Agriculture Ministers have also called on the Commission to re-open the regulation. If heeded, such calls would severely undermine one of the EU's flagship policies for tackling global deforestation and nature degradation — just months before its entry into force.

We strongly urge the European institutions to **preserve the EUDR in both its ambition and its timeline.**

Over the past years, we have worked to ensure that the fight against deforestation — now an undeniable ecological emergency — becomes a non-negotiable condition for enhancing supply chain resilience and building consumer trust. We have invested in transparent practices, traceable and sustainable supply chains, and the respect of human rights, labour rights, and biodiversity.

In this context, the EUDR marks a vital step forward. It provides a clear, fair, and ambitious framework for all market actors in the EU. It promotes transparency, encourages cooperation with producer countries, supports investment in countries of origin, and drives innovation in traceability systems. In short: **it gives direction and meaning to the commitments we have long upheld.**

From the outset, we have engaged constructively to ensure that the Regulation is implemented effectively. While we acknowledge that some legislative and technical challenges remain, **our companies are preparing responsibly and in good faith for its entry into force.**

We are therefore deeply concerned by repeated attempts to delay, revise, or even repeal the Regulation. Such moves not only damage the credibility of EU institutions and national governments, but also increase legal uncertainty, raise operational costs, and create confusion on the ground. Most worryingly, they send a contradictory message to consumers — just as demand for transparency and sustainability is reaching unprecedented levels.

We firmly oppose any proposal to amend the EUDR that would reopen the legislative process. This would lead to further delays, deepen regulatory instability, and undermine the significant investments already made by companies to align with the Regulation.

We strongly reaffirm that:

- The EUDR must be preserved in both ambition and timeline, and implemented pragmatically;
- Any revision would open a dangerous window of uncertainty that would discourage investment;
- Legal stability and regulatory certainty are essential to the competitiveness of European companies;
- Dedicated support for smallholder farmers in producing countries is crucial to ensure fair and inclusive implementation.

This is not the time to step back. It is the time to deliver.

A regulation that enshrines responsible sourcing, climate ambition, and legal certainty is not a burden — it is **an opportunity for European leadership.** We urge the European Commission, the European Parliament and Member States to hold the line. The integrity of EU policy, the trust of consumers, and the long-term resilience of global supply chains depend on it.

From a coalition of National Alliances: Alliance for the Preservation of Forests, Belgian Alliance for a Sustainable Palm Oil, Efeca (secretariat of the UK Sustainable Commodities Initiative) ATIBT (International Tropical Timber Technical Association),

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