

EUDR: Cepi welcomes the outcome of the trilogues and calls for further work to ensure a smooth entry into application of the Regulation

The European pulp and paper industry welcomes the agreement reached yesterday by the Council, the Parliament, and the Commission to postpone by one year the entry into application of the EU Deforestation Regulation. Our commitment to sustainable forest management is centuries old and we share the goal of the EUDR to fight deforestation: we want forests to keep on growing and remain resilient, for future generations.

The one-year additional transition period will now allow for a better implementation of the Regulation. Without an adequate phase-in framework, the new Regulation would have risked considerable chain disruptions, with no tangible impacts on the root causes of deforestation.

We stress that more work is needed on the official EU FAQs and Guidance to the Regulation, in order to further clarify persisting ambiguities, solve potential inconsistencies and define operative solutions that are easily implementable by the operators, without compromising the integrity of the Regulation. We as an industry are ready to cooperate and provide our own contribution to this exercise.

We also call for the continuation and intensification of the training sessions on the Information System organised by European Commission to ensure that all actors across the supply chains receive the information they need to successfully implement the new requirements.

Cepi is the European association representing the paper industry. We offer a wide range of renewable and recyclable wood-based fibre solutions to EU citizens: from packaging to textile, hygiene and tissue products, printing and graphic papers as well as speciality papers, but also bio-chemicals for food and pharmaceuticals, bio-composites and bioenergy. We are a responsible industry: 85% of our raw materials are sourced from within the European Union, 92% of the water we use is returned in good condition to the environment. We are the world champion in recycling at the rate of 70.5%. At the forefront of the decarbonisation and industrial transformation of our economy, we embrace digitalisation and bring 25 billion value addition to the European economy and €5 billion investments annually. Through its 19 national associations, Cepi gathers 490 companies operating 870 mills across Europe and directly employing more than 180,000 people.

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