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SUBJECT: CLECAT Circular 2024/321 (CITI) - EUDR - Council and Parliament agree on EUDR postponement proposal

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Dear Member,

we would like to inform you that the European Parliament and Council have reached a provisional agreement to postpone the application of the EU deforestation regulation (EUDR) by one year. Large operators and traders will now need to comply with the regulation by 30 December 2025, while micro- and small enterprises have until 30 June 2026. This delay aims to provide businesses with additional time to adapt without compromising the regulation's objectives.

The postponement follows concerns from Member States, non-EU countries, and industry stakeholders, including CLECAT, regarding the feasibility of full compliance by the original deadline of late 2024.

The Commission has committed to finalising the Information System and risk classification at least six months before the new application date to ensure smoother implementation. During the regulation's review, expected by 30 June 2028, the Commission will consider measures to simplify and reduce administrative burdens. It will also assess the impact on low-risk countries and explore incentives for improved forest conservation practices.

The informal agreement will be put to a **vote during Parliament's plenary session from 16-19 December**. For the postponement to take effect, both Parliament and Council must endorse the text, with **publication in the EU Official Journal required by the end of 2024**.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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