

**Question for written answer E-000545/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Implementation of the Deforestation Regulation

From 30 December 2024, all operators and traders placing relevant products on the EU market will be required, under the Deforestation Regulation<sup>1</sup>, to prove that their products have been deforestation-free since 31 December 2020. However, many technical questions about the practicalities of implementation remain unanswered, the new EU information system for uploading due diligence statements is still in the early stages of development, many Member States missed the deadline to designate their competent authorities, and primary forests have not been mapped across the EU. A growing number of voices, both within and outside the EU, are now warning that this lack of clarity prevents large companies from adequately preparing for compliance and could lead to widespread disruptions in European and global supply chains.

1. Given the persistent lack of clarity regarding the interpretation and application of the rules, does the Commission plan to grant an additional grace period to operators and traders to give them enough time to adapt to the new rules?
2. Will the new EU information system allow the automatic transfer of data from operators and traders, as opposed to manual data entry, which would generate an unmanageable administrative burden and a risk of human error?

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2023 on the making available on the Union market and the export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation and repealing Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 (OJ L 150, 9.6.2023, p. 206).