

PUBLIC STATEMENT

FEDIMA ASKS FOR SWIFT APPROVAL OF EU COMMISSION PROPOSAL POSTPONEMENT OF THE EUDR IMPLEMENTATION

Fedima, the Federation of European Manufacturers and Suppliers of Ingredients to the Bakery, Confectionery and Patisserie Industries, and its members are committed to creating a sustainable bakery industry.

Fedima is committed to the objectives of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) and its broader goals of promoting sustainable and deforestation-free supply chains. Fedima is actively preparing for the implementation of the EUDR with its member companies and National Associations across their supply chains.

However, it is essential that the implementation of the Regulation is done following a process that is feasible and does not generate unnecessary burdens on the industry considering that significant investments have already been made by our members in anticipation of compliance with the EUDR.

Therefore, Fedima acknowledges the European Commission's decision to propose a Regulation amending the EUDR as regards the date of application, which will provide the necessary time for companies, producing countries, and national authorities to prepare for implementation.

Fedima also welcomes the release of the Guidelines and updated FAQ, which aim to facilitate the transition towards EUDR compliant value chains. However, it is crucial that the European Commission continues to support the industry throughout the coming months. While the release of the Guidelines and FAQ document is a positive step, implementation efforts must continue. Fedima encourages the Commission to provide further guidance and tools over the next year to ensure companies are fully prepared for the Regulation's requirements by the new date of application.



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In light of the above, and following the Council's approval of the Commission's proposal, Fedima invites the European Parliament to consider the challenges raised by EU Member States, third Countries, and industry stakeholders, and urges for a swift approval of the Commission's proposal for a postponement, while refraining from introducing any further amendments to the EUDR during this process, to end the current legal uncertainty.

Fedima members remain committed to ensure compliance with the EUDR's requirements when they come into effect.

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