

Mrs Ursula von der Leyen  
President of the European Commission

Brussels, 30 September 2024

Dear President von der Leyen,

We, the undersigned organisations representing various sectors covered by the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) and members of the Commission Expert Group/Multi-Stakeholder Platform on Protecting and Restoring the World's Forests, would like to thank the European Commission for the updates provided during the last platform meeting of 24 September.

While the organisations represented here may have different views on how best to proceed with the regulation, we are united in our belief that the **most urgent need right now is the immediate release of the updated FAQs and guidance document and to address the concerns raised on the Information System, its interface capabilities, and the geolocation files**. Without these essential tools, it will be extremely difficult for our members — who must comply with the EUDR's requirements— to adequately prepare. Delaying this critical information creates uncertainty and risks undermining the significant investments our industries are making to meet the regulation's objectives.

**We plead with the Commission to prioritise the publication of these materials and tools in the next few days** to ensure that all stakeholders can move forward with the clarity and certainty required for effective compliance.

Once again, we appreciate your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

The undersigned organisations

CAOBISCO – Chocolate, Biscuit and Confectionery of Europe

ECA – European Cocoa Association

ECF – European Coffee Federation

Eurocommerce – the voice of Retail and Wholesale in Europe

FoodDrinkEurope – European Food and Drink Industry



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