# 71 st. FEFPEB CONGRESS

Business session Friday 27 September 2024

Thermae Palace Hotel Oostende (Belgium)

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# **FEFPEB TOPICS**

- Renewed FEFPEB Packaging from Nature campaign Dominic Weaver, UK
- State of affairs EUDR and FEFPEB statistics 2023 Fons Ceelaert, the Netherlands



# 1. EUDR / state of affairs

**Recent FEFPEB updates / information** 

- FEFPEB newsletters <u>July</u> and <u>August</u> 2024
- FEFPEB presentation Spring meeting 2024

EUDR covers not only wood, but other products linked to deforestation a.o. cacoa, cattle, coffee, rubber and soy and the impact for the whole world has gradually gained attention from a big variety of stakeholders and the media



# Out of the CEI Bois GA and the WG Trade – 5 and 6 September 2024 / Brussels

### **Ongoing discussions and activities**

- Testing GeoJSON files to improve information system, from end of August 2024
- No news about new version Guidance document, FAQ update or country benchmarking
- Request EUDR postponement by third countries South America
- The sawmilling and timber trade sector are very concerned to be not able to comply with the EUDR
- Another call from the federation coalition to postpone the enforcement date (CEI Bois / CEPI / Copa Cocega etc.), second week September 2024



### **Industry actions**

- 27 September 2024: CEI Bois / OES meet USDA and US Forestry Service on preparation for the EUDR application
- Assemble all preparatory activities on the national level / CEI Bois compilation for sharing with industry and to use the information for further advocacy
- Lobby on national and EU level addressing the newly elected MEP's



<u>100 days remaining until the implementation EUDR / 1 January 2025</u> <u>Pressure building up to the maximum</u>

- European Parliament and European Commission (Ursula von der Leyen)
- WTO chief urges to rethink the deforestation goods ban
- More attention for the issue in global newspapers (Financial Times, NRC)



## Centre-right and socialists clash over EU deforestation law enforcement



The legislation, which requires that importers provide geolocation coordinates of farms producing cocoa, coffee, soy and livestock, was described by Dorfmann and Liese as a "bureaucratic monster." [EPA-EFE/RONALD WITTEN]

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The centre-right and the socialists in the European Parliament are at loggerheads over how to enforce the EU's anti-deforestation law (EUDR), which will soon require companies to prove that EU-sold products - including foods – were not produced on deforested land.

# Von der Leyen to propose solution on EU anti-deforestation rules, according to EPP agriculture chief



According to Herbert Dorfmann, MEP and the EPP's spokesperson for agriculture, von der Leyen mentioned this during the meesling. Speaking to Euractiv, Dorfmann explained that such a proposal could come in the next few days. [European Union/EP]

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European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen will propose a way out on the enforcement deadlock on the new anti-deforestation regulation, she told colleagues at a European People's Party (EPP) meeting this week.



#### Deforestation

#### WTO chief urges EU to rethink deforested goods ban

Call from Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala adds to pressure from exporters including Brazil to 'reassess' rules



An EU ban on the import of commodities linked to deforestation would affect Brazilian exports of products including coffee, palm oil and cocoa © Patricia Monteiro/Bloomberg

Alice Hancock in Brussels and Andy Bounds in Geneva SEPTEMBER 12 2024

The head of the World Trade Organization has asked Brussels to "relook" at a ban on imports from deforested areas that has angered dozens of countries, increasing pressure on the European Commission over the landmark legislation.

Exports of wood, soya and coffee are among the products affected by the new rules, which are due to start on December 30.



#### MILIEU

### Gemopper over nieuwe EUregels tegen ontbossing

Vanuit het bedrijfsleven en Duitsland is een sterke roep om de nieuwe, strengere Europese regels, die eind 2024 ingaan, uit te stellen. Maar hoe worden de bossen dan wel geholpen?



### CEI Bois links to the media exposure and political turmoil:

A new concerted call from the wood and wood related sectors to delay the implementation date to be issued this week, end of September 2024.

### Some specific aspects

- Despite promises the EC did not yet publish the additional guidelines and the updated FAQs!
- The European Commission promised to issue these documents in October 2024
- Still no country division "low" "standard" "high" deforestation risk



# Get prepared for the EUDR! But: HOW?

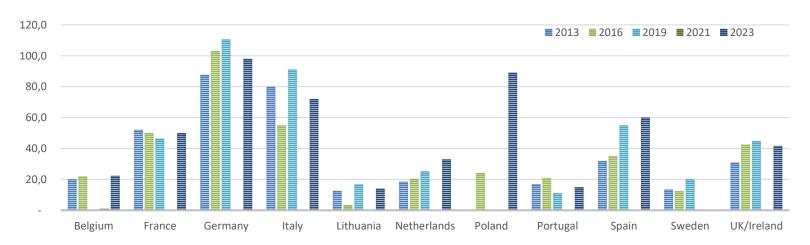
- Our customers are asking on the impact EUDR on their businesses!
- Assemble information from your timber supplier / DDS information supply chain
- FEFPEB EUDR statement for the members (manufacturers, repairers and pools) of Wooden Packaging Material to use in communication with the market/ customers in preparation and made available first week of October 2024

<u>CEI Bois is in the lead of the advocacy activities on EUDR and FEFPEB is fully</u> <u>aligned.</u>



# **FEFPEB Statistics 2023**





PALLETS MANUFACTURED (IN MLN)

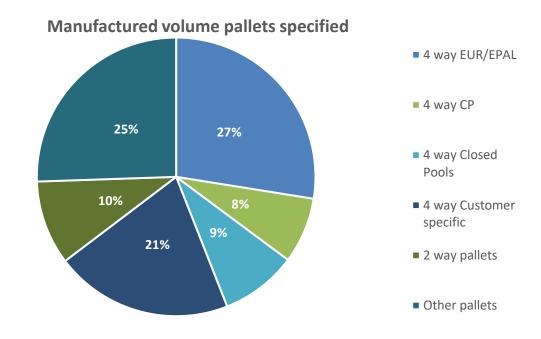


### DATA PER COUNTRY NEW PALLETS MANUFACTURED (IN MLN):

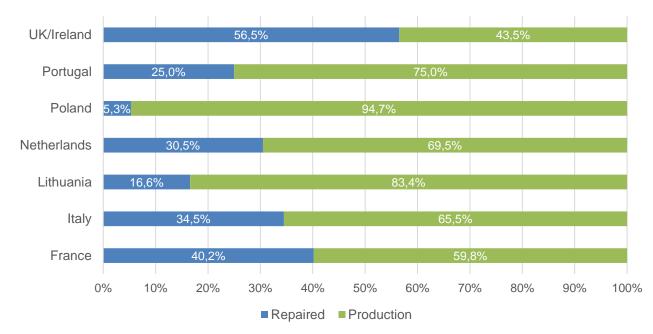
Production	2013	2016	2019	2021	2023
Belgium	20,0	22,0 -		38,2	22,3
France	52,0	50,0	46,5		50,0
Germany	87,7	103,0	110,5	119,5	97,9
Italy	80,0	55,0	91,0	108,0	72,0
Lithuania	12,7	3,5	16,9	22,0	14,1
Netherlands	18,5	20,5	25,2	28,5	33,0
Poland	-	24,2 -		85 <i>,</i> 0	89,0
Portugal	17,0	21,0	11,0	-	15,0
Spain	31,9	35,2	55,0	62,0	60,0*
Sweden	13,4	12,4	20,0	-	15,0*
UK/Ireland	31,0	42,5	44,8	44,9	41,7
<u>Total (mln)</u>	364,2	<u>389,3</u>	<u>420,9</u>	<u>508,1</u>	<u>495,0</u>

\*Estimated, based on previous datatrends



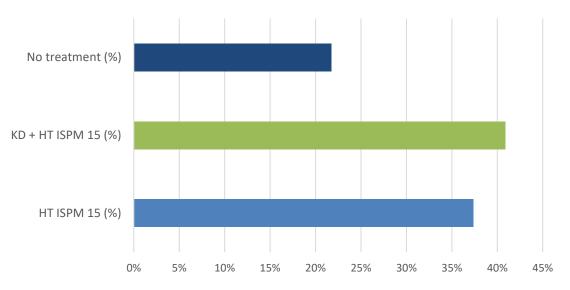






### **Repaired versus production**



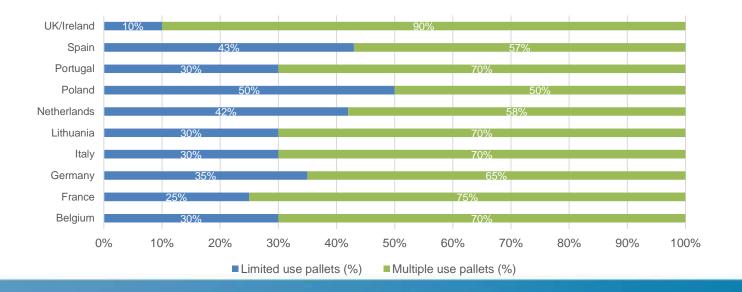


Manufactured volume to related treatments



- All pallets are reusable
- Significant increase in multiple use volumes

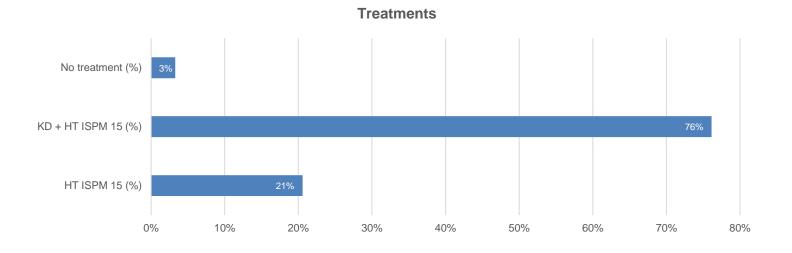
Usage of manufactured volumes





# **FEFPEB Statistics 2023: Industrial packaging**

- Turnover industrial packaging is hard to compare, because there is no accurate estimation possible.
- Almost all the industrial packaging is KD and/or HT ISPM 15-treated





# **FEFPEB Statistics 2023: New topics for future statistics**

- PPWR: recycling percentages from members
- Sustainability: PEFC and/or FSC-certified wood percentage.
- Light weight packaging: how to obtain the correct data from members (in co-oporation with GROW)?

## Report

 The executive summary of the 2023 FEFPEB Statistics will be publiced this October via our website and newsletter.

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