



European Federation of Wooden pallet
and Packaging Manufacturers
NEWSLETTER FEFPEB
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1. EUDR - EU NEGOTIATORS AGREE TO ONE-YEAR DELAY OF ANTI-DEFORESTATION LAW:

On 3 December 2024 the trilogue negotiators reached an agreement on the proposal to delay the EU's new anti-deforestation rules by one year. Originally scheduled to apply from 30 December 2024 on, the regulation is now scheduled to be enforced from 30 December 2025 on, allowing companies and trading partners an extra 12 months to get ready to comply with new tracing and due diligence requirements.

- [Official Press Release HERE](#)

As expected, and as already anticipated by MEP Christine Schneider, the Parliament's amendments to create a new "no risk" category that would carve out due diligence requirements for commodities sourced from areas at zero risk of deforestation were not accepted. However, it appears that the negotiators agreed to look into how to simplify the regulation and reduce regulatory burden, especially for smaller companies, when the legislation is reviewed in 2028.

The EU Commission is also expected to publish an updated version of the Frequently Asked Questions and guidelines aimed at helping companies prepare for implementation.

Next steps: The provisional agreement will now have to be endorsed by the Council and Parliament. It will then be formally adopted by both institutions and will be published in the Official Journal of the EU, so that it can enter into force before the application date of the current regulation (30 December 2024).

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2. PPWR CORRIGENDUM TEXT APPROVED BY THE NEW EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The next step is the formal approval by the European Council and that is expected mid December 2024. Consequently the text of the PPWR will be published in the EU Official Journal (Q1 / 2025) and the Regulation will enter into force 18 months later (2026).

Delegated and Implementing Acts are in the next phase with FEFPEB alert on key topics.

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3. CEI-Bois NEWS

This is to inform you that the *CEI-Bois Advocacy Report 2023-2024* is out.

The document provides a comprehensive overview of CEI-Bois' key activities, achievements and policy priorities during the last year.

Click [here](#) for the full Advocacy Report and also for the *Advocacy Focus publication of November 2024*.

4. FEFPEB / SAVE THE DATES

With pleasure this is to confirm the dates and locations of the essential FEFPEB meetings in 2025

a. FEFPEB spring meeting 2025 (for the official representatives of the FEFPEB membership)

12 and 13 June 2025
Amsterdam (the Netherlands)
Hosted by our Dutch member associations EPV

b. 72nd FEFPEB Congress (small scale event)

22 and 23 October 2025
Vienna (Austria)
Hosted by the Fachverband Holzindustrie Austria

Arrangements have been made, first information on programmes and registration coming soon.

Many thanks and appreciation for the support and commitment this year.
We do wish you a splendid and happy Christmas and a prosperous 2025.



Best regards,
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