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In alignment with our previous public statements*, The Socfin Group stands with a broad coalition of companies, civil-society organisations and producer-country stakeholders who, on 17 November 2025, issued a joint call urging the European Commission not to postpone or weaken the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR).

This new statement reflects **growing concern that further delays—whether linked to administrative constraints, technical readiness of the information system, or political considerations—would undermine years of responsible investment.** Companies and smallholder partners across supplying regions have prepared extensively and in good faith to meet the 31 December 2025 deadline.

"**Clear, predictable regulation** is essential for ensuring responsible supply chains and fostering trust between all actors" said Régis Helsmoortel – General Manager. "Even while operating in challenging environments with complex supply chains, we have worked hands-on for many months and, in some cases, years to prepare for the EUDR. **We are among the first companies to produce and sell fully EUDR-compliant natural rubber**, demonstrating that compliance is not only possible but already operational. We have invested significant technical and financial resources to ensure that the required systems are in place. Our experience shows that compliance is achievable in practice, and we know that many others in our sector have made similar efforts and are likewise ready for implementation. **A delay at this stage would risk discouraging early movers, weakening Europe's climate credibility, and reducing the incentive for continued progress.**"

The coalition highlights that the EUDR remains a foundational element of the European Green Deal, providing a coherent framework to reinforce traceability, protect forests and ensure fair competition. Instead of revisiting or postponing the regulation, the signatories encourage the Commission to focus on practical solutions that preserve the regulation's ambition while addressing short-term technical challenges.

The Socfin Group continues to demonstrate that compliance is feasible: through early investments in traceability and land-management systems, we have already achieved market-ready EUDR-compliant rubber, proving that supply-chain alignment is attainable when the framework is clear and stable.

The joint statement notably calls for:

- Maintaining the current implementation timeline,
- Providing clear and coordinated technical guidance,
- Addressing temporary system-related issues without undermining enforcement,
- Ensuring consistent communication to producer countries and global partners.

The Socfin Group fully endorses these recommendations and reaffirms its commitment to responsible, transparent and sustainable supply chains in all regions where it operates.

"The EUDR represents a decisive step forward for global sustainable agriculture," added Régis Helsmoortel – General Manager. "We urge EU leaders to uphold its ambition and deliver a credible, timely implementation."

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