

NOTE DE SYNTHESE - REGLEMENT EUROPEEN CONTRE LA DEFORESTATION ET LA DEGRADATION DES FORETS (RDUE)

Les discussions institutionnelles sur l'adoption du RDUE viennent de connaître de nouveaux rebondissements. Cette note vise à présenter un récapitulatif des négociations en cours et détailler les prochaines étapes.

Contexte

- 17 novembre 2021 : <u>Proposition législative</u> de la Commission européenne.
- 31 mai 2023 : Adoption du règlement RDUE.
- **2 octobre 2024** : La Commission européenne <u>propose</u> de reporter d'un an la mise en application du RDUE.
 - o **16 octobre 2024** : le Conseil de l'UE <u>approuve</u> la proposition de report de la commission.
 - 14 novembre 2024 : Le Parlement européen, réunit en séance plénière, adopte une série d'amendements allant au-delà de la simple proposition de report.

Eléments principaux

Face à la fronde de plusieurs Etats membres, de certains pays-tiers et d'un nombre important de parties prenantes, la Commission européenne a proposé le 2 octobre 2024 de **reporter d'une année supplémentaire** l'entrée en application du RDUE (30 septembre 2025 pour les grandes entreprises ; 30 juin 2026 pour les TPE/PME).

 Pour justifier son choix, la Commission a évoqué un niveau de préparation inégal des opérateurs. L'exécutif européen avait également pris un certain retard dans la publication de plusieurs documents clés.

La proposition de la Commission entre dans le cadre de la **procédure de codécision**. Elle doit donc être approuvée par le Conseil de l'UE et le Parlement européen pour être adoptée.

- Le 16 octobre, le Conseil a adopté sans amendement la proposition de la Commission.
- En revanche, au niveau du Parlement européen, le principal groupe politique, le Parti populaire européen (PPE) a décidé de déposer <u>15 amendements</u> visant à aller au-delà du texte de la Commission.
 - Les autres principaux groupes politiques, les Socialistes (S&D) et les Libéraux (Renew), s'étaient refusés à réouvrir davantage le texte.



Le 14 novembre, le Parlement européen, réuni en séance plénière, a examiné les amendements déposés par le PPE (voir l'annexe pour les résultats) :

- Les amendements 1, 2, 8, 13, 14 et 15 ont été retirés en amont du vote.
- Les amendements 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 et 11 ont été adoptés. Ils :
 - Créent une 4^{ème} catégorie de risque (« no risk ») pour les pays sans risque de déforestation.
 - Simplifient les exigences administratives pour les produits et opérateurs de pays sans risque de déforestation.
- L'amendement 12 a été rejeté.

Dans la foulée, le Parlement s'est prononcé en faveur du lancement de la procédure de trilogue (négociations interinstitutionnelles entre la Commission, le Parlement et le Conseil).

Le **calendrier est serré** : les institutions doivent absolument parvenir à un accord avant la fin de l'année, sans quoi le texte originel, adopté en 2023, entrerait en application le 30 décembre 2024. Concrètement, les trois institutions vont aborder la nécessité de **conserver ou non** les amendements votés par le Parlement.

- Le PPE s'est dit confiant quant au déroulement des négociations. Celles-ci pourraient cependant prendre place dans un climat d'extrême tension, étant donné la polarisation des débats et la rupture de confiance entre le PPE et les autres groupes politiques.
- Selon le média spécialisé Contexte, le Conseil de l'UE doit également lever des doutes sur la solidité juridique des amendements.

Prochaines étapes

- **20 novembre** : Réunion des représentants permanents (ambassadeurs nationaux auprès de l'UE) pour évoquer la suite du processus.
- Date inconnue : Début des négociations en trilogue.
- **30 décembre 2024** : Entrée en application du texte voté en mai 2023.

ANNEXE - AMENDEMENTS DEPOSES PAR LE PPE DANS LE CADRE DE LA PROPOSITION DE REPORT DU RDUE

En vert : Adopté En rouge : Rejeté En gris : Retiré

AM	Texte de la Commission	Texte amendé	Commentaire
AM 1 Considérant 30	Operators <i>and traders</i> should be bound by the obligations under this Regulation regardless of whether the making available on the market takes place through traditional or online means. This Regulation should therefore ensure that in every supply chain there is an operator within the meaning of this Regulation who is established in the Union and can be held accountable in the event of non-fulfilment of the obligations under this Regulation. The Commission and the Member States should monitor the implementation of this Regulation and identify whether digital and technological developments require further specifications or initiatives, as appropriate, in the future.	Operators should be bound by the obligations under this Regulation regardless of whether the making available on the market takes place through traditional or online means. This Regulation should therefore ensure that in every supply chain there is an operator within the meaning of this Regulation who is established in the Union and can be held accountable in the event of non-fulfilment of the obligations under this Regulation. The Commission and the Member States should monitor the implementation of this Regulation and identify whether digital and technological developments require further specifications or initiatives, as appropriate, in the future.'	Le PPE cherche à exclure les commerçant des exigences du RDUE. Pour rappel, un commerçant se réfère à « toute personne faisant partie de la chaîne d'approvisionnement, autre que l'opérateur, qui, dans le cadre d'une activité commerciale, met des produits en cause à disposition sur le marché ».
AM 2 Considérant 53	Traders should be responsible for collecting and keeping information to ensure the transparency of the supply chain of relevant products which they make available on the market. Non-SME traders have a significant influence on supply chains and play an important role in ensuring that supply chains are deforestation-free. They should therefore have the same obligations as operators, take responsibility for the compliance of the relevant products with this	Traders should be responsible for collecting and keeping information to ensure the transparency of the supply chain of relevant products which they make available on the market. Non-SME traders have a significant influence on supply chains and play an important role in ensuring that supply chains are deforestation-free.'	Même esprit quand l'AM 1.

	Regulation and ensure, prior to making the relevant		
	products available on the market, that they have		
	exercised due diligence in accordance with this		
	Regulation and have concluded that there is no or only		
	a negligible risk that the relevant products do not		
	comply with this Regulation.		
	Furthermore, the Commission should assess the	Furthermore, the Commission should assess the deforestation and	Le PPE cherche à créer un système
	deforestation and forest degradation risk at the level of	forest degradation risk at the level of a country or parts thereof	de classification des pays à risque
	a country or parts thereof based on a range of criteria	based on a range of criteria that reflect quantitative, objective and	basé sur 4 niveaux plutôt que 3.
	that reflect quantitative, objective and internationally	internationally recognised data, and indications that the countries	
	recognised data, and indications that the countries are	are actively engaged in fighting deforestation and forest	Le nouveau niveau se réfère aux
	actively engaged in fighting deforestation and forest	degradation. Such benchmarking information should make it	pays sans risque de déforestation.
	degradation. Such benchmarking information should	easier for operators in the Union to exercise due diligence and for	Les produits issus de ces pays sont
	make it easier for operators in the Union to exercise due	competent authorities to monitor and enforce compliance, while	exemptés des exigences du RDUE.
	diligence and for competent authorities to monitor and	also providing an incentive for producer countries to increase the	
	enforce compliance, while also providing an incentive	sustainability of their agricultural production systems and reduce	
	for producer countries to increase the sustainability of	their deforestation impact. This should help to make supply chains	
AM 3	their agricultural production systems and reduce their	more transparent and sustainable. The benchmarking system	
Considérant 68	deforestation impact. This should help to make supply	should be based on a <i>four</i> -tier system for classification of countries	
	chains more transparent and sustainable. The	as low, standard, high <i>or no</i> risk. In order to ensure appropriate	
	benchmarking system should be based on a <i>three</i> -tier	transparency and clarity, the Commission should in particular	
	system for classification of countries as low, standard <i>or</i>	make publicly available the data being used for benchmarking, the	
	high risk. In order to ensure appropriate transparency	reasons for the proposed change of classification and the reply of	
	and clarity, the Commission should in particular make	the country concerned. For relevant products from low-risk	
	publicly available the data being used for	countries or parts thereof operators should be allowed to exercise	
	benchmarking, the reasons for the proposed change of	simplified due diligence. For relevant products from high-risk	
	classification and the reply of the country concerned.	countries or parts thereof competent authorities should be	
	For relevant products from low-risk countries or parts	required to apply enhanced scrutiny. <i>Relevant products from no-</i>	
	thereof operators should be allowed to exercise	risk countries and parts thereof should not be the subject of those	
	simplified due diligence. For relevant products from	conditions. The Commission should be empowered to adopt	

	high-risk countries or parts thereof competent authorities should be required to apply enhanced scrutiny. The Commission should be empowered to adopt implementing acts to establish the list of countries or parts thereof that present a low or high risk.	implementing acts to establish the list of countries or parts thereof that present a low or high risk.'	
AM 4 Considérant 86	Operators, traders and competent authorities should be given a reasonable period in order to prepare themselves to meet the requirements of this Regulation.	Operators, traders and competent authorities should be given a reasonable period in order to prepare themselves to meet the requirements of this Regulation. In the period before the date of application, and in order to avoid any delays, the Commission should prioritise the optimisation of the platform for the exchange of information between the relevant stakeholders and the competent authorities. The Commission also undertakes to publish the risk classification so that the relevant stakeholders can prepare for the defined mandatory scope of this Regulation. Both the platform for the exchange of information and the risk classification should be available and fully functioning at least six months before the date of application. In the event of further delays, the date of application should be postponed accordingly.'	Le PPE indique la Commission doit avoir rempli ses obligations de mise en œuvre (classification des pays; plateforme d'échange d'information) au moins 6 mois avec l'application du règlement. Si ce n'est pas le cas, l'application devra être reportée.
AM 5 Article 3	Relevant commodities and relevant products shall not be placed or made available on the market or exported, unless all the following conditions are fulfilled:	Relevant commodities and relevant products from countries or parts thereof, that present a low, standard or high risk in accordance with Article 29 shall not be placed or made available on the market or exported, unless all the following conditions are fulfilled:'	Le PPE introduit des exigences spécifiques pour les 3 premiers niveaux de classification (les niveaux originels du texte).
AM 6 Article 3(1a) – new	/	'Relevant commodities and relevant products from countries or parts thereof that present no risk in accordance with Article 29 shall not be placed or made available on the market or exported unless all the following conditions are fulfilled: (a) they have been produced in accordance with the relevant legislation of the country of production; and	Le PPE introduit des exigences spécifiques pour le 4ème niveau de classification, c'est-à-dire les pays sans risque de déforestation.

AM 7 Article 4(10a) - new	1 Traders that are not SMEs ('non-SME traders') shall	(b) they fulfil the documentation requirements laid down in Article 5(1a). By way of derogation from paragraphs 1 to 10 of this Article, operators that place or make available on the market or export relevant commodities and relevant products produced in countries or parts thereof that present no risk in accordance with Article 29 shall only be required to fulfil the documentation requirements laid down in Article 5(1a). For relevant products and parts of relevant products that have been produced in countries or parts thereof that present no risk in accordance with Article 29, operators shall exercise due diligence in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article.'	Le PPE introduit des exigences simplifiées pour les opérateurs/produits des pays sans risque de déforestation.
AM 8 Article 5	1. Traders that are not SMEs ('non-SME traders') shall be considered as non-SME operators and shall be subject to obligations and provisions in Articles 3, 4 and 6, Articles 8 to 13, Article 16(8) to (11) and Article 18 with regard to the relevant commodities and relevant products that they make available on the market. 2. Traders that are SMEs ('SME traders') shall make available relevant products on the market only if they are in possession of the information required under paragraph 3. 3. SME traders shall collect and keep the following information relating to the relevant products they intend to make available on the market: (a) the name, registered trade name or registered trade mark, the postal address, the email address and, if available, a web address of the operators or the traders who have supplied the relevant products to	 Traders shall <i>not</i> be subject to obligations and provisions in Articles 3, 4 and 6, Articles 8 to 13, Article 16(8) to (11) and Article 18 with regard to the relevant commodities and relevant products that they make available on the market. Traders, whether or not they are SMEs, shall offer all necessary assistance to the competent authorities to facilitate the carrying out of the checks under Articles 18 and 19, including access to premises and the making available of documentation and records.' 	Le PPE cherche à exclure les commerçant des exigences du RDUE.

	them, as well as the reference numbers of the due			
	diligence statements associated to those products;			
	(b) the name, registered trade name or registered			
	trade mark, the postal address, the email address and,			
	if available, a web address of the operators or the			
	traders to whom they have supplied the relevant			
	products.			
	4. SME traders shall keep the information referred to			
	in paragraph 3 for at least five years from the date of			
	the making available on the market and shall provide			
	that information to the competent authorities upon			
	request.			
	5. SME traders that obtain or are made aware of			
	relevant new information, including substantiated			
	concerns, indicating that a relevant product that they			
	have made available on the market is at risk of not			
	complying with this Regulation shall immediately			
	inform the competent authorities of the Member			
	States in which they made the relevant product			
	available on the market as well as traders to whom			
	they supplied the relevant product.			
	6. Traders, whether or not they are SMEs, shall			
	offer all necessary assistance to the competent			
	authorities to facilitate the carrying out of the checks			
	under Articles 18 and 19, including access to premises			
	and the making available of documentation and			
	records.			
AM 9	/	Operators that place or make available on the market or export		
Article 5(1a) -		relevant commodities and relevant products produced in	simplifiées	pour les
new		countries or parts thereof that present no risk in accordance with		

		Article 29 shall fulfil the documentation requirements by making	opérateurs/produits des pays sans
		the following documents available to the competent authorities	risque de déforestation.
		upon request:	
		(a) trade name and type of the relevant products;	Ceux-ci doivent seulement être prêt
		(b) the quantity of the relevant products;	à fournir certains documents à la
		(c) the country of production and, where relevant, parts thereof; (d) the name, postal address and email address of any business	demande des autorités compétentes.
		or person from whom they have been supplied with the relevant	competentes.
		products;	
		(e) the name, postal address and email address of any business,	
		operator or trader to whom the relevant products have been supplied;	
		(f) adequately conclusive and verifiable information that the	
		relevant products are free of forest degradation;	
		(g) adequately conclusive and verifiable information that the	
		relevant commodities have been produced in accordance with	
		the relevant legislation of the country of production.'	
	/	Each Member State shall ensure that the annual checks carried	Le PPE cherche à réduire le contrôle
		out by its competent authorities pursuant to paragraph 1 of this	des autorités compétentes sur les
AM 10		Article cover at least 0,1 % of the operators placing or making	opérateurs de pays issus de pays
Article 16 (10a) -		available on the market or exporting relevant products that	sans risque de déforestation.
new		contain or have been made using relevant commodities produced	
		in a country or parts thereof classified as no risk in accordance	
	4 This Decolation actablishes all the Control of the	with Article 29.	La DDE charaka X
	,	'1. This Regulation establishes a <i>four-tier</i> system for the	•
AM 11	assessment of countries or parts thereof. For that purpose, Member States and third countries, or parts	assessment of countries or parts thereof. For that purpose, Member States and third countries, or parts thereof, shall be	de classification des pays à risque basé sur 4 niveaux plutôt que 3.
Article 29 (1)	thereof, shall be classified into one of the following risk	classified into one of the following risk categories:	base sur 4 niveaux piutot que 3.
/ (((() () () () ()	categories:	(a) 'high risk' refers to countries or parts thereof, for which the	Le 4 ^{ème} niveau se réfère au pays où :
	5.1.56	assessment referred to in paragraph 3 results in the identification	integrate refere as pays ou i

	(a) 'high risk' refers to countries or parts thereo	of a high risk of producing in such countries or in parts thereof,	- Les zones forestières ont
	for which the assessment referred to in paragraph	relevant commodities for which the relevant products do not	augmenté/sont restés stables
	results in the identification of a high risk of producing	comply with Article 3, point (a);	depuis 1990.
	in such countries or in parts thereof, relevar	t (b) 'low risk' refers to countries or parts thereof, for which the	- s'appliquent l'accord de Paris et les
	commodities for which the relevant products do no	assessment referred to in paragraph 3 concludes that there is	conventions sur les droits de
	comply with Article 3, point (a);	sufficient assurance that instances of producing in such countries	l'Homme
	(b) 'low risk' refers to countries or parts thereo	or in parts thereof, relevant commodities for which the relevant	- les règles nationales sur la
	for which the assessment referred to in paragraph	products do not comply with Article 3, point (a), are exceptional;	conservation des forêts s'appliquent
	concludes that there is sufficient assurance that	t (c) 'standard risk' refers to countries or parts thereof which do	et peuvent être vérifiées en toute
	instances of producing in such countries or in part		transparence.
	thereof, relevant commodities for which the relevan	t 'no risk;	
	products do not comply with Article 3, point (a), ar		
	exceptional;	following assessment criteria:	
	(c) 'standard risk' refers to countries or part	•	
	thereof which do not fall in either the category 'hig		
	risk' or the category 'low risk.	(ii) the Paris Agreement and international conventions on	
		human rights and on preventing deforestation have been signed	
		by those countries and parts thereof;	
		(iii) regulations on preventing deforestation and forest	
		conservation at national level are strictly implemented and	
		enforced in full transparency and monitored.'	
	Within their respective spheres of competence, th		
	Commission, on behalf of the Union, or Member State		
	or both, shall engage in international bilateral an	•	
AM	multilateral discussion on policies and actions to ha		
Article	30(4) deforestation and forest degradation, including i		
	multilateral fora such as CBD, FAO, UN Convention t		
	Combat Desertification, UN Environment Assembly, U		
	Forum on Forests, UNFCCC, WTO, G7 and G20. Suc		
	engagement shall include the promotion of th	implementation and enforcement of this Regulation, in a manner	

	transition to sustainable agricultural production and sustainable forest management as well as the development of transparent and sustainable supply chains as well as continued efforts towards identifying and agreeing robust standards and definitions that ensure a high level of protection of forests and other natural ecosystems and related human rights	that is compliant with the rules-based international multilateral trading system, in order to avoid retaliation and trade tensions. Such engagement shall include the promotion of the transition to sustainable agricultural production and sustainable forest management as well as the development of transparent and sustainable supply chains as well as continued efforts towards identifying and agreeing robust standards and definitions that ensure a high level of protection of forests and other natural ecosystems and related human rights.	
AM 13 Article 37(2)	However, Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 shall continue to apply until 31 December 2027 to timber and timber products as defined in Article 2, point (a), of Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 that were produced before 29 June 2023 and placed on the market from 30 December 2025	However, Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 shall continue to apply until 31 December 2027 to timber and timber products as defined in Article 2, point (a), of Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 that were produced before 29 June 2023 and placed on the market from 30 December 2026	Le PPE cherche à encore repousser la date d'application d'une année supplémentaire.
AM 14 Article 38(2)	Subject to paragraph 3 of this Article, Articles 3 to 13, Articles 16 to 24 and Articles 26, 31 and 32 shall apply from 30 December 2025	Subject to paragraph 3 of this Article, Articles 3 to 13, Articles 16 to 24 and Articles 26, 31 and 32 shall apply from 30 December 2026	
AM 15 Article 38(3)	Except as regards the products covered in the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 995/2010, for operators that by 31 December 2020 were established as microundertakings or small undertakings pursuant to Article 3(1) or (2) of Directive 2013/34/EU, respectively, the Articles referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall apply from 30 June 2026	Except as regards the products covered in the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 995/2010, for operators that by 31 December 2020 were established as micro-undertakings or small undertakings pursuant to Article 3(1) or (2) of Directive 2013/34/EU, respectively, the Articles referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall apply from 30 June 2027	