

Dear Members,

Please be informed about the following.

Proposal to extend the implementation of the EUDR by one year

On October 2, the European Commission issued a press release proposing to extend the implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation by one year, until December 30, 2025. With the proposal, the European Commission gives all parties involved extra time to prepare for implementation. Simultaneously with their distribution, the European Commission is publishing the additional 'guidance documents', the 'Strategic Framework International Cooperation engagement' and the new version of the FAQs. The European Commission's proposal still needs to be approved by the European Parliament and the European Council.

LAST CALL: Webinar / training TRACES for EUDR

On October 22, the Dutch competent authorities NVWA will organise an instruction session for the members of NOFOTA, the Royal Dutch Grain and Feed Trade Association (Het Comité) and MVO on the use of TRACES for the EUDR. For information and registration for this instructional session, click [here](#) (members only).

For more information about the Information System, see also the [European Commission website](#).

The European Commission is organising virtual training courses on the IT system on various dates in October.

Click [here](#) for these dates and registration options.



New members

In October, the following companies became a member of the association:

- Progan EU B.V., Rotterdam, The Netherlands B-member
- Nordic Soya Oy, Uusikaupunki, Finland B-member

Non-business days 2024 and 2025

Please be informed that the Council approved the following non-business days for 2025:

1 January	New Years Day (Wednesday)
18 April	Good Friday (Friday)
21 April	Easter Monday
5 May	Liberation Day (Monday)
29 May	Ascension Day
9 June	Whit-Monday
24 December	Christmas Eve* (Wednesday)
25 December	Christmas Day (Thursday)
26 December	Boxing Day (Friday)
31 December	New Year's Eve* (Wednesday)

The remaining non-business days for 2024 are:

24 December	Christmas Eve* (Tuesday)
25 December	Christmas Day (Wednesday)
26 December	Boxing Day (Thursday)
31 December	New Year's Eve* (Tuesday)

Dates with an * indicate a half non-business day starting 12.00 hrs. noon.

The dates are also available on the website under About us/non-business days.



Events in 2024 and 2025

October 22	Webinar TRACES	Online
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November 7	FOSFA Annual Dinner and AGM	London
November 14	Het Comité Annual Dinner	WTC Rotterdam
November 28	GROFOR Annual Dinner	Grand Elysees, Hamburg
December 5	FOSFA Oils & Fats Dinner	Tallow Chandlers, London
December 5 and 6	European Commodities Exchange	Paris
2025		
March 20	TBC: MVO General Assembly	
April 10	NOFOTA AGM and Annual Dinner	Laurenskerk Rotterdam
November 6	FOSFA AGM & Dinner	TBC
June 4-6	EFPR Annual Congress	Riga, Letvia
June 12-13	FEDIOL General Assembly	Brussels
June 27	Annual Golf Tournament	TBC

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Best regards,

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