

Deforestation Free Products Statement

To fight climate change and biodiversity loss, the EU has passed a new law obliges companies to ensure products sold in the EU have not led to deforestation and forest degradation.

While no country or commodity will be banned, companies will only be allowed to sell products in the EU if the supplier of the product has issued a so-called “due diligence” statement confirming that the product does not come from deforested land or has led to forest degradation, including of irreplaceable primary forests, after 31 December 2020.

The products covered by the new legislation are: cattle, cocoa, coffee, palm-oil, soya and wood, including products that contain, have been fed with or have been made using these commodities (such as leather, chocolate and furniture), as in the [original Commission proposal](#). During the negotiations, MEPs successfully added rubber, charcoal, printed paper products and a number of palm oil derivatives.

The European Parliament also secured a wider definition of forest degradation that includes the conversion of primary forests or naturally regenerating forests into plantation forests or into other wooded land.

MacLellan has for many years required its supply chain partners ensure raw materials are obtained from sustainably managed and renewable sources where appropriate and are confident that all of our products comply with this new legislative requirement.

More information is available from the European Parliament website [Factsheet on Deforestation.pdf.pdf](#)