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Deforestation Free Products Statement October

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.

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MacLellan Rubber’s primary partners already address human rights risks related to natural rubber production in their supply chain by participating in programs such as the Global Platform for Sustainable Natural Rubber - an international, multistakeholder, voluntary membership organization, with a mission to lead improvements in the socioeconomic and environmental performance of the natural rubber value chain – and the MSME Sustainable Certificate Scheme.

In this framework, to ensure that the import of natural rubber and related products meets all relevant requirements outlined under the EUDR as well as in local legislation, MacLellan Rubber’s primary partners already collect and processes information, data and documents through a due diligence system, and implement risk assessments and mitigation measures where necessary.

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Looking ahead, MacLellan Rubber asks for all relevant suppliers to adhere to the requirements under the EUDR. Action plans are being defined to ensure full compliance with the established deadlines.

Our partnerships with suppliers are key in upholding our dedication to ethical business standards. By working together, we have the opportunity to contribute positively to our environment, safeguarding forests for the well-being of generations to come.

More information is available from the European Parliament website

[Factsheet on Deforestation.pdf.pdf](#)



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