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Report Highlights:

The European Commission launched a public consultation on the EU's possible actions to reduce the impact of products placed on the EU market with regards to deforestation and forest degradation. Interested stakeholders have until December 10, 2020 to partake in the consultation.

On September 3, 2020, the European Commission launched a [public consultation](#) on the EU's future possible actions to reduce the impact of products placed on the EU market with regards to deforestation and forest degradation.

This consultation stems from the 2019 European Commission's [Communication](#) detailing actions the European Union could take to combat deforestation and forest degradation in the EU and around the world. The European Commission notes "activities related to forestry and other land use — primarily deforestation — were responsible for 12 percent of greenhouse gas emissions, which makes them the second major cause of climate change after the burning of fossil fuels".

To tackle this issue, the Commission is looking at ways to minimize the EU's contribution to deforestation and forest degradation worldwide as well as to promote the consumption of products from 'deforestation-free supply chains' in the EU.

This consultation will contribute to an impact assessment that will investigate the suitability of a range of different demand-side measures to address deforestation and forest degradation associated with EU consumption.

U.S. Stakeholders who would like to take part in the consultation can do so on the following page: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12137-Minimising-the-risk-of-deforestation-and-forest-degradation-associated-with-products-placed-on-the-EU-market/public-consultation>

The deadline for input is 12:00 am Brussels Time (Universal Time Coordinated + 01:00) on December 10, 2020.

All comments made in the framework of the consultation may be published.

More Information:

- [GAIN Report: EU Publishes Communication on Deforestation](#)

Attachments:

No Attachments.