

# Borrer-EUDR-Delay-V1

## SPEAKERS

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**John Herath** 00:00

The European Union is again preparing to delay implementation of deforestation regulations. U.S. Meat Export Federation Vice President of Economic Analysis Erin Borrer says the delay gives more time for regulatory relief for countries like the U.S. that have little to no deforestation risk.

**Erin Borrer** 00:15

It's important that there is continued pushback within the EU, or maybe continued mentioning that simplification is needed. And specifically, for example, for a zero or negligible risk category that actually results in lesser requirements, less burden for those countries. And so again, within the EU, including from countries like Germany and including Sweden, with leadership right now, there is an internal push to have true simplification. And then for the United States, we know in the U.S.-EU joint statement that the EU recognizes the U.S. as negligible risk and essentially committed to not have undue damage done to our trade because of EUDR.

**John Herath** 01:09

The burden of the proposed deforestation regulation has been a topic of discussion in trade talks with the EU.

**Erin Borrer** 01:14

USTR worked very diligently, and they have continued, the U.S. government has continued to raise this issue, including in the WTO forums. And the U.S. is not alone, there are many countries that continue to raise concerns about the EUDR. But yes, in the U.S.-EU agreement, the EU deforestation regulation was one of the specific points that was noted. So I do think that that is an important piece, and the simplification that may get proposed going forward, in a way, could help meet what looks like was committed between the U.S. and the EU.

**John Herath** 01:38

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