

## Intergraf statement: The European Parliament's vote on EUDR 26 November 2025

### **Environmental responsibility matters now more than ever.**

Today, the European Parliament voted to remove printed products from the scope of the European Deforestation Regulation (EUDR). As an industry, we did not ask for this exclusion. Instead, we have consistently advocated for adjustments to the requirements so that the due diligence obligations are workable for printers and their customers.

It is important to understand the implications of excluding printed products. Paper itself would not be affected by this change. All paper used by European printers, whether sourced within the EU or imported, would remain fully covered by the Regulation. As a result, printed products manufactured within the EU would remain EUDR-compliant by default.

However, imported printed products would fall outside the scope of the Regulation. This would not only create a significant environmental loophole, but also impact European consumers' confidence. European consumers would indeed no longer be able to know whether the book or the card they purchase is protected against global deforestation.

Intergraf firmly supports the objectives of the EUDR, particularly given the persistent misconception that our products could drive deforestation. It is in the interest of our industry and our customers to support policies that combat global deforestation and forest degradation.

The next step will be the negotiations between the Parliament, Council, and Commission, which should be finalised by a vote in the European Parliament during the week of 15 December 2025.

*"The legal uncertainty created by the recent political developments has undermined both the compliance efforts of our members and their confidence in the regulatory process. The exclusion of printed products is now on the table as a political option put forward by the European Parliament. However, I remain convinced that a workable EUDR with obligations only for the first placer on the market is the most favourable path."* **Beatrice Klose, Intergraf Secretary General.**

*"Our companies have invested a lot of time and resources to prepare in good faith. With reasonable traceability requirements for downstream operators, and with a practice-oriented implementation, which should now be finalised by April 2026, we can make the EUDR work for our companies and our customers."* **Ulrich Stetter, Intergraf President.**

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