**ORDINARY LEGISLATIVE procedure**

**Follow up to the European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 as regards provisions relating to the date of application**

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**2. Reference numbers:** 2024/0249(COD) – C10-0119/2024 –  P10\_TA(2024)0058

**3. Date of adoption of the resolution:** 17 December 2024

**4. Legal basis:** Article 192(1) TFEU

**5. Competent Parliamentary Committee:** Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI)

**6. Commission's position:** accepts all amendments.

***Commission statement on the occasion of the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2024/… of the European Parliament and of the Council of … amending Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 as regards provisions relating to the date of application***

The Commission remains committed to easing the burden on businesses by reducing administrative requirements and eliminating unnecessary bureaucratic burdens.

To achieve this in relation to Regulation (EU) 2023/1115, the Commission will provide further clarifications and explore additional simplifications, and streamline reporting and documentation obligations, to keep them to a necessary minimum, in full compliance with the objectives of the Regulation. To this effect and to address these issues, the Commission will publish an updated edition of the Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions. The Commission will also continue responding to feedback from stakeholders and Member States, assisting the traders and operators in implementation, in particular with regard to the obligation to submit due diligence statements throughout the value chain.

In order to allow traders and operators, in collaboration with competent authorities, to be in a position to meet the requirements of the Regulation, the Commission is prioritising the operationalisation of the Information System. The benchmarking risk categorisation is also key to ensure predictability in the application of the Regulation for operators, traders, producing countries and competent authorities. The Commission strongly commits to ensure that both the Information System and the proposal for the risk classification should be available as soon as possible but no later than six months before the Regulation enters into application.

In the context of the general review of the Regulation, expected no later than 30 June 2028, the Commission will analyse, based where appropriate on an impact assessment, additional measures to simplify and reduce the administrative burden. This analysis will include the need for and the feasibility of reduced requirements in relation to sourcing from countries and parts thereof that have achieved positive results in line with the objectives of the Regulation.