# Towards a common approach on the European Deforestation Regulation

Webinar 15 /03/2024 from 14h00-15h30 CET









#### **BACKGROUND**

The EU Deforestation regulation will apply by the end of 2024. This Regulation will have a major impact on different sectors, including the automotive sector. A deeper understanding of this legislative framework and the practical implications of its due diligence requirements are high on the agenda of car- and truckmakers and their suppliers.

The scope of the regulations depends highly on the way each company has structured its supply chain and the processes linked to it. Non-compliance will have immediate impact on production as products and materials will be banned from import or export to and placing on the European market.

Major questions relate to

- understanding what products, parts, materials are in scope for a specific company
- a shared common understanding of the requirements from the Regulation
- a translation of these requirements in a set of common expectations in the automotive sector
- an overview and analysis of the available tools and approaches to meet the requirements.
- an understanding of the consequences of lack of compliance, both from a regulatory and contractual perspective

These questions will be tackled in a series of webinars that Drive Sustainability, VDA, CLEPA and Drive Plus organise together in 2024

#### WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

The first webinar will tackle the basics and align on the way to approach this regulation. The focus will be on a system to understand what is in scope and how each company can determine what is specifically in scope for them, given their current purchasing structure and processes.

This question will be tackled through an initial presentation by a specialised law -firm.

Companies from the automotive sector will share their insights and steps already taken.

## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

Purchasing and sustainability managers from OEMs and their suppliers

#### **FORMAT**

The webinar will be a closed meeting – invitation only – for members of Drive Sustainability, VDA, CLEPA and Drive Plus. The meeting will be virtual and a log-in link will be provided to registered participants;

**REGISTRATION LINK** – <u>https://forms.gle/SRUPBzCM6utWiUfQ6</u>

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## **AGENDA**

AGENDA WEBINAR ON DEFORESTATION REGULATION FOR THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR		
14h00-14h05	Welcome and introduction	Michaël Püschner, VDA
14h05-14h35	Key elements of the Deforestation Regulation for the automotive sector and necessary equirements	Matthieu Van Caillie., Contrast Law
14h35-14h50	Q&A	All
14h50-15h25	Towards a shared approach in automotive sector and insights from the rubber sector  Panel discussion on  What are you currently doing on implementation?  Where do you see the challenges?  What does a unified automotive approach can support you with?	Merit OEHME, Volkswagen AG  Michael RADKE, Continental AG  Marta Conti, ETRMA (tbc)  Moderated by Stefan Crets, Drive Sustainability
15h25-15h30	Closing and next steps	Nils Poel, <b>CLEPA</b>