

Cabinet of Commissioner Kadri SIMSON - Minutes of Meeting

MEETING CONCLUSIONS

Title	Meeting with Swedish Forestry Industries (SFI) and SCA on RED II revision
Date	30/06/2022
Participants	Ext : [REDACTED] (SCA), [REDACTED] COM: B. Glowacka (CAB), [REDACTED] (ENER.C.2)
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Issues raised & follow-up	<p>Meeting took place on request of SFI.</p> <p>SFI presented the position of the industry on RED II revision process: Rather satisfied with Council General Approach, but concerns on Parliament proposals, in particular regarding the ENVI proposal to stop primary biomass use and the position on clear cuts. A limitation to secondary biomass would concern appr 10% of RES production in Sweden based on primary woody biomass. Tops and branches do often not have another use, their energy use is important for energy and climate goals in Sweden.</p> <p>As to clear cuts, SFI said that they are part of the sustainable forest management in Sweden, important for regeneration and growth, a balance of growth and biodiversity issues would need to be reached. SFI added that a large amount of SE forests were protected.</p> <p>The representative of SCA, the largest private forest owner in SE, underlined the importance of accelerating permitting issues and to reduce red tape for the deployment of renewables (including onshore wind).</p>