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Subject: FoodDrinkEurope Meeting - 07 09 2022 - Short Report
Attachments: FoodDrinkEurope_2202-Deforestation-free-products.pdf

Dear [Name] colleagues,

On September 7, 2022, I had a 60-minute in-person meeting with [Name] of FoodDrinkEurope. The organization is part of the Deforestation Platform and claims to represent 290,000 businesses – 90% SMEs – employing 4.5 million people in the EU. FoodDrinkEurope approved the attached position paper in February and [Name] has been following the legislative process closely, meeting for example with rapporteur Hansen’s assistant and others.

Some of the main issues raised were:

1. FoodDrinkEurope advocates for having the Deforestation Platform – and its stakeholders – as involved as possible in the implementation of the new Regulation: Potential commodity-specific guidelines, benchmarking, etc.
2. [Name] asked about COM’s view on the scope and ecosystem expansion proposed by the ENVI Committee – also about MS positions in Council.
3. He expressed worries about some of the proposed amendments in EP that might increase the burden for companies, in particular independent audits related to indigenous lands.
4. He also showed concerns for the inclusion of financial institutions and the attached obligations.

Best regards,

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