



# ARE WE READY?

HOW SUPPLY CHAINS ARE  
PREPARING FOR THE  
ZERO-DEFORESTATION  
REGULATION?

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**ROUNDTABLE TAKEAWAYS**

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# EU ZERO-DEFORESTATION REGULATION

We are moving from voluntary to mandatory measures, and this will take at least 18 months, but small and medium enterprises may need more time to implement all the necessary requirements.

## WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS?

"The **implications are high** - if we get it wrong, we'll be facing serious challenges along the supply chain, such as possible negative socioeconomic impacts in producing countries...

...If it goes right, then we might be in a position of dynamic engagement, channeling investment into national or subnational structures which allow us to address hotspots where deforestation occurs."

Felipe Carazo

# GUATEMALA

The new EU regulation on deforestation is a **big challenge** for producers, but Grupo HAME is willing to continue to take action to be more competitive and efficient.

## WHAT IS REQUIRED FROM THE EU?

Conditions, the environment and business models are different accordingly to the region - and even country - and cannot be generalised. This has to be considered when regulations of sectoral relevance are issued.

Technology - such as satellite monitoring - is a powerful tool to fulfil the regulation's requirements and to monitor the territory to prevent deforestation.

Xiomara Lima



# MALAYSIA

"Malaysia, as a world leader in sustainable palm oil production, has put in place various environmental measures while successfully uplifting the lives of rural communities through palm oil cultivation".

Vijaya Subramaniam

## POLICIES TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE OIL PALM CULTIVATION

To cap total oil palm cultivated area to 6.5 million hectares



No more planting of oil palm in peatland areas and to further strengthen regulations with regard to existing oil palm cultivation on peat



To ban the conversion of forest reserve areas for oil palm cultivation



To make available oil palm plantation maps for public access



The Cabinet of Malaysia on 22 March 2019 had endorsed the following policies toward sustainable oil palm cultivation. DAKN 2021



# CALL TO ACTION

Now it's time for the EU and its member countries to adopt the regulation, but there is obvious confusion and lack of clarity.

Producing countries and companies must be engaged in a proactive process which aims to commit human and financial resources, investments in technologies and equipment (blockchain and satellite monitoring).



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