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Dear Business Partner,

We would like to share information and BWI requirements to comply with the legislation introduced by the EU. The EU has published EU Deforestation Regulation No 2023/1115 of 29th June 2023. This regulation will impact all BWI Group suppliers of natural rubber.

In line with the EU legislation and guidelines on the application of the rules, BWI Group must obtain, investigate, and confirm compliance with the importation of natural rubber into the European Union.

We will be collecting supplier declarations in order to conduct due diligence and mitigation prior to the reporting activation date of 30 December 2024, so that we can ensure there is time to complete mitigation activities, where they exist, prior to shipping parts into the EU.

For all shipments of natural rubber, BWI will require suppliers to provide physical copies of the documents mentioned below, prior to shipping any rubber materials or components into the EU. Physical copies should accompany the usual invoice paperwork. Electronic copies should also accompany the relevant electronic invoice paperwork as per BWI processes.

A supplier declaration model template has been prepared by BWI to standardize the process:

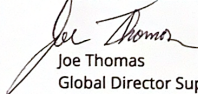
- Template 1 – Supplier declaration for natural rubber components and products (required for every shipment into the European Union)

A supplier declaration must be prepared for every shipment into the EU, but only needs to be validated by BWI Group annually, as long as the geolocation of raw materials remains the same.

Template 1 model or a similar declaration created by your company which would satisfy the same requirement needs to be provided to BWI by **30 April 2024** via email to: esusanctions@bwigroup.com

Consignment level declarations Template 1 model needs to be provided with the usual invoice paperwork. Alternatively, a similar declaration created by your company which would satisfy the same requirement could be used for the same, or similar statements could be added to the standard delivery notes or invoices.

Please use this link to access training and documents: [Supplier EU Deforestation](#). The password to the video is: Sustainability1



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