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■ **EU Agrees on Law to Ban Products Linked to Deforestation.**

The European Union (EU) has agreed on a new law to prevent companies from selling commodities into the EU market linked to deforestation around the world. The regulation will apply to soy, beef, palm oil, wood, cocoa, coffee, some derived products, including leather, chocolate and furniture. The law will require companies to produce a statement showing that their supply chains are not contributing to the destruction of forests before they sell goods into the EU. The companies would need to show when and where the commodities were produced with verifiable information that they were not grown on land deforested after 2020. Failure to comply could result in fines of up to 4 per cent of a company's turnover in an EU member state.