

Deforestation Commitment of the Melitta Group

Preamble

The Melitta Group recognizes its responsibility for the protection of forests and natural ecosystems throughout the entire value chain. As an internationally active company in the fields of coffee, coffee preparation, and household products, we acknowledge that deforestation and forest degradation are among the greatest global challenges—with significant impacts on biodiversity, climate, local communities, and long-term economic stability. We therefore commit to actively contributing to the prevention of deforestation and to establishing a sustainable, transparent, and traceable supply chain throughout the group.

Commitment

The Melitta Group commits to no deforestation across its primary deforestation-linked commodities, with a target date of 31 August 2028.

The European subsidiaries of the Melitta Group are committed to becoming deforestation-free by 30 December 2026, thereby also meeting the requirements of the Regulation on Deforestation-free Products (EUDR).

We align ourselves with the strictest international standards and pursue a holistic approach that equally considers environmental, human rights, and economic interests.

Targets and Measures

1. No acceptance of raw materials from recently deforested areas

The cut-off date for deforestation-free sourcing is **1 January 2020**, in alignment with the Coffee Reference Code of the Global Coffee Platform and the recommendations and requirements of SBTi, AFi, and EUDR. Any deforestation after 1 January 2020 is considered non-compliant with Melitta's commitment.

2. Transparency and traceability

We are committed to ensuring complete traceability to the origin for all relevant raw materials. To achieve this, we rely on digital solutions and technologies such as satellite monitoring, and digital supplier declarations.

3. Supplier management and obligations

All suppliers are contractually obliged to provide proof of the deforestation-free status of their products and to comply with our standards. We support them through training, partnerships, and technical assistance.

4. Regular risk analyses and audits

Melitta conducts regular risk analyses to identify particularly vulnerable supply chains. In cases of increased risk, additional audits and on-site inspections are carried out, with the involvement of independent third parties.

5. Collaboration with stakeholders

We cooperate with NGOs, industry initiatives, and other companies to promote sustainable practices and to work together on solutions. Melitta actively participates in industry-wide platforms such as the Global Coffee Platform, FSC, and relevant EU initiatives.

6. Transparent reporting

Progress in implementing the commitment is documented in our publicly accessible annually sustainability report. We disclose the extent to which the goals have been achieved and identify challenges as well as further measures.