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7.3. Presentation: A "carding system" to address the causes of systemic forced labour (EJF)

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European Parliament:

- **PECH** Committee proposed 'carding system' (PECH 53) in their [opinion](#) in July
- **INTA/IMCO** Committees confirmed [position](#) - 16 Oct
- **Crucially PECH 53 missing**
- Overwhelming majority agreed to opinion paving way to inter-institutional negotiations

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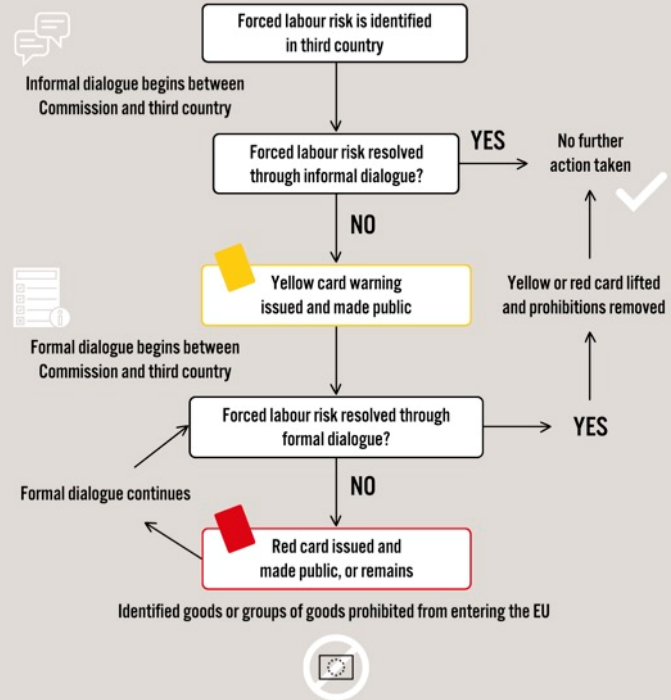
EU Council:

- MS suggesting amendments to ES Presidency
- Aim to have common position by **end of the year**
- Ambition to conclude inter-institutional negotiations **before end of current Parliament (June 2024)?**

'Carding system' in the context of forced labour

Carding mechanism complementary and additional to individual product bans proposed.

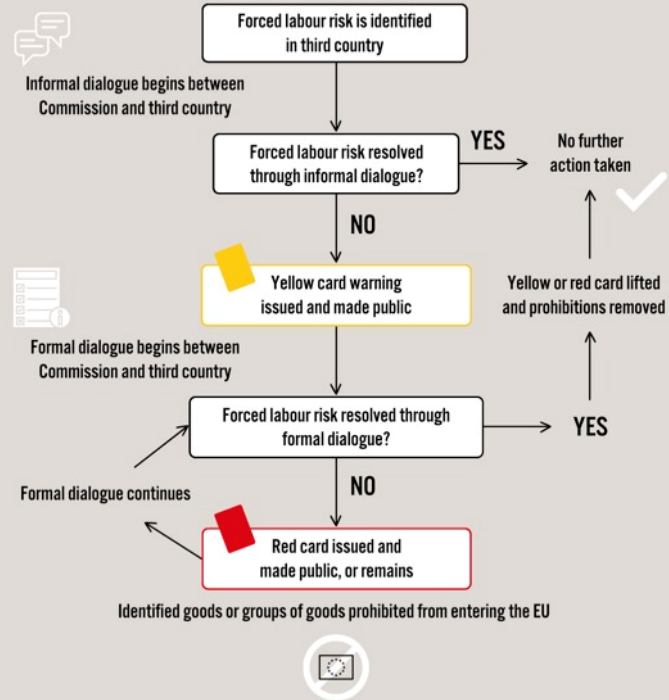
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'Carding system' in the context of forced labour

Tied to specific goods or groups of goods from a particular entity, such as **vessel/fleet, production sites or region.**

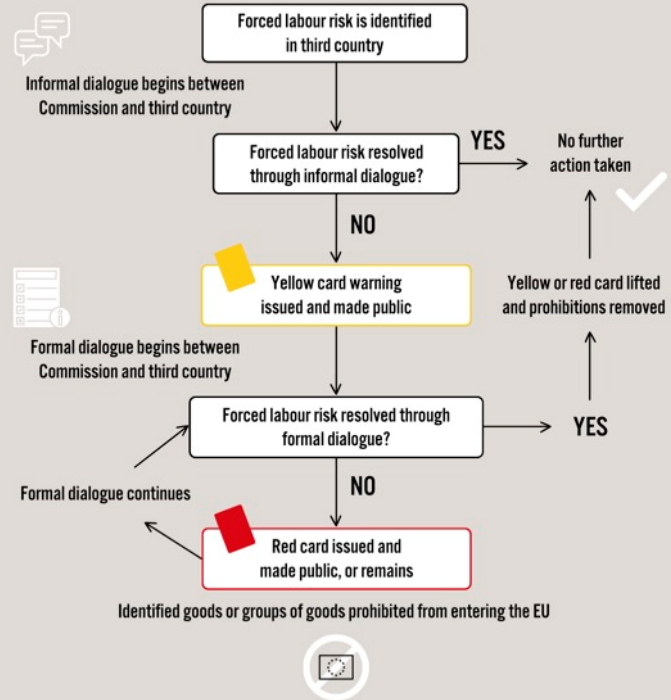
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Identification of non-cooperating third countries related to ILO conventions (such as ILO C029)

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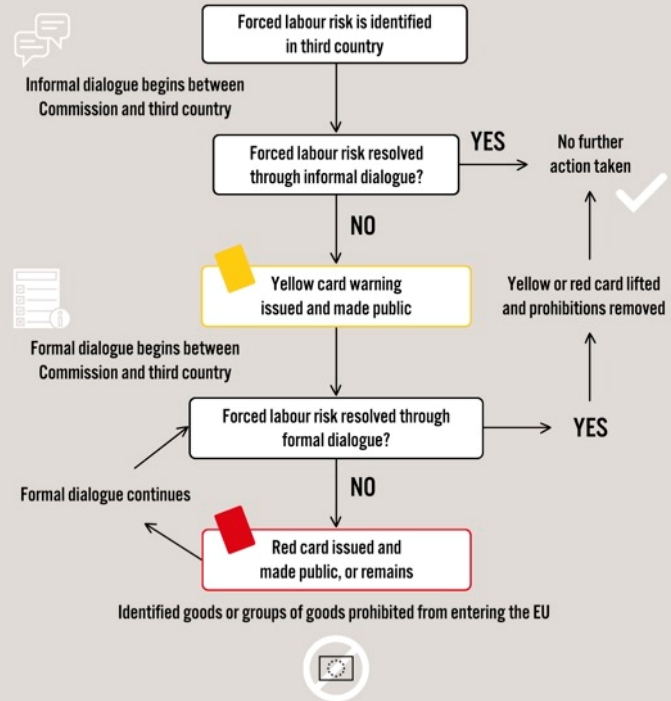


'Carding system' in the context of forced labour

Gives EU additional tool to address systemic labour exploitation at specific sites (incl. fleets):

- Leverage to address risks with foreign governments
- Potential red card for those sites if problems persist

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Previous LDAC advice on forced labour

2021 - [LDAC Recommendations](#) for a Level Playing Field for EU and non-EU fish products

"Consider establishing a list of third countries that fail to take action to prevent, deter and eliminate abuse against fundamental labour and violations of human rights in the fishing sector."

"In this context, take steps against non-compliant fishing vessels and non-cooperating third countries, similar to those established in Chapter VII of the EU IUU Regulation."

"In respect of third countries, initiate formal dialogues with their competent authorities and should these dialogues not resolve the shortcomings identified, take trade-restrictive measures including the suspension of tariff preferences or the prohibition of imports of fishery products into the EU."

2023 - [LDAC Support](#) to the Resolution of the Social Partners in the seas-fisheries sector on the fight against forced labour

“...[The Commission] should consider recommendations inspired by the IUU Regulation inspired by the aforementioned advice, including, among others, a role for the Commission to take measures against third countries where forced labour practices are systemic.”

Next Steps...

Entering key phase in negotiations among **MS in Council** - but time is limited!

- (LDAC) Stakeholder voices relevance
 - how 'carding' affects level the playing field for EU businesses and improves human rights.
 - How it could fit with the forced labour products ban

Thank you

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