

# Mini-field test Feedback

Thai-EU Voluntary Partnership Agreement  
Ad-Hoc Working Group meeting on the  
Legality Definition

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# Update on VPA processes

- Indonesia starts FLEGT Licensing on 15 November 2016
- Vietnam will conclude VPA negotiations by end 2016
- Laos VPA negotiation start imminent; work on the Legality Definition and Supply chain controls
- FLEGT action plan evaluation follow-up:
  - More prioritization
  - More stepwise implementation: Focus on measurable VPA milestones before FLEGT licensing start, e.g. Transparency measures, legal reforms, TLAS building blocks
  - More synergies with private certification

# Update on Thai-EU negotiation process

- LD very well received by EC, willingness to move to negotiations quickly after Cabinet decision
- Interest in option papers, possibility to support further development of option papers
- EFI will implement SME support measures in the region and Thailand - focus on obstacles for SMEs and smallholders/small-sawmills in particular
- Need to link national SFM certification system and LD / TLAS development

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## General feedback

- Legality definition is quite complete and only few corrections are necessary.
  - Description of Verification process
  - Structural improvements
  - Adding missing information
  - Removing some requirements
- A further detailed field test of all indicators is needed to make these improvements

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## Key findings (1)

- The description of the verification process was sometimes slightly different - to be further refined (e.g. O5-4.4.1.)
- LD Comment #3 confirmed: Operator 6 should be discarded and the PCIV integrated in the other modules
- LD comment #13 and #24 confirmed: List only Traceability requirements under P2 and include all requirements related to harvesting in P3
- We identified some additional environmental and social requirements (e.g. Emission audits/certification) - only the relevant ones should be included in the LD.

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## Key findings (2)

- Important need for correction of misleading wording in Criterion 2:
  - Plantation => registered plantation
  - Non-plantation => unregistered plantation
- Findings related to supply chain controls annex:
  - The NSW offers an excellent basis for supply chain controls
  - However, the weak spot is the timber account book, which is still in paper form and not reported to RFD.

# Proposed next steps

- EFI will provide further comments based on the mini-field test and develop ToR for further testing
- Full field test (Nov/Dec 2016?) of the complete LD to identify:
  - Detailed verification processes and frequencies
  - Additional regulations and procedures (i.e. environmental)
  - Possible documentation mechanisms of verification results for FLEGT Licensing
  - Draft structure of the TLAS and Supply Chain Controls Annex
- Before the field test, AHWG should focus on structural improvements of the LD
- After the field test, work on TLAS Annex and Supply Chain Controls Annex based on the proposed structure.

Thank you!