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In June 2020, TEFSO has facilitated activities, particularly meetings to support the Thai-EU FLEGT VPA. Details are as follow;

Date	Activities
25 June 2020	The Seventh Ad-Hoc Working Group Meeting Read more

These activities have produced the following outcomes which will move forward the Thai-FLEGT VPA;

Issues	Progresses/Outcomes
Annex 2: Thai Timber Legality Definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sections on timber control in public and private land were updated, so did the section reclaimed timber. - Furthermore, sections on environmental regulations, labor standards, and social responsibility were improved.
A project to develop supply chain control of reclaimed timber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Reclaimed Timber Association, leader of the Reclaimed Timber sub-working group, presented the project's framework to develop supply chain control of reclaimed timber in Thailand.
A project to assess Thai CSO role in the FLEGT VPA process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RECOFTC presented the project's framework that will study CSO roles in other VPA countries compared to Thai CSO's work and capacity. The studying results will be used to develop a plan for CSO participation in the FLEGT VPA process.
Timber import control and timber legality system in other countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant from Forest Trends presented timber import control systems used in Germany, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the Republic of Korea, and presented the comparisons of timber control measures between the Republic Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and China. - The information gained will be a base for the ad-hoc working group to develop the Thai import control concept taken into



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	<p>account Thailand's context. The ad-hoc working group assigned the sub-working group to formulate pro and con comparison of different import control systems.</p>
Thai Timber Legality Assurance System (THA-TLAS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The ad-hoc working group concluded that the Royal Forest Department would implement THA-TLAS.- The ad-hoc working group assigned the THA-TLAS sub-working group to draft the THA-TLAS verification and licensing system.