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As of September 2020

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

Date	Activities
8 September 2020	The Fourth Sub-Committee meeting Read more
9 - 10 September 2020	The Fifth Thailand-EU FLEGT VPA Joint Expert meeting (JEM 5) Read more
15 September 2020	The Third National FLEGT VPA Committee meeting Read more
16 September 2020	The Third Thailand-EU FLEGT VPA Negotiation (NEG 3) Read more

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

Issues	Progresses/Outcomes
Annex I: Product Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The draft is near complete. Thailand will hold stakeholder consultations before finalizing the draft. - The draft will be discussed at NEG 4.
Annex II: Thai Timber Legality Definition (revised draft)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thailand and the EU agreed with the current draft. - The draft will need to be updated to correspond with the development of Thai policies, regulations, and other FLEGT VPA annexes. Thailand and the EU agreed to continue the discussion on this.
Annex III: Condition for Release for Free Circulation in the European Union Thai FLEGT-Licensed Timber Products Annex VII: Terms of Reference for The Independent Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thailand and the EU agreed with the current drafts. The two annex drafts will be put aside until the end of the negotiation process, when all annexes will be reviewed.
Annex V: Thai Timber Legality Assurance System (THA-TLAS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thailand will continue developing this annex, particularly in the sections about confiscated timber measure and THA-TLAS operating system, which Thailand plans to develop from the present RFD Single Window.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The draft will be discussed again at NEG 4.
Annex VI: Thai Supply Chain Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The draft is near completion. - Thailand will continue developing the section on supply chain operating system, which Thailand will develop from RFD Single Window. Additionally, Thai will include descriptions on import control, supply chain control on private land, supply chain on public land, and supply chain control of reclaimed timber when they are complete. - The draft will be discussed again at NEG 4.
Import control and supply chain control on public/private land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thailand has good progress in developing the import control concept and will informally send the EU draft concept for comments early next year. With support from the EU, Thai will start drafting the import control guideline, which will be included in Annex VI. - The supply chain control on private land guideline is almost complete. The guideline will be included in Annex VI for discussion at NEG 4. - Thailand will continue developing a guideline for supply chain control on government authorized public land.
Annex IV: Criteria for Assessment of the Operational Readiness of the Thai Timber Legality Assurance System Annex IX: Public Disclosure of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU will send Annex IV for the Thai side to consider earlier next year. - The civil society organizations in the Thai ad-hoc working group will lead the Annex IX discussion. The draft will be discussed at NEG 4.