

The Tenth Monthly Report on Working Progress of TEFSO  
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In November 2020, TEFSO has facilitated activities, particularly meetings to support the Thai-EU FLEGT VPA.

Details are as follow;

Date	Activities
9 November 2020	The Fifth Product Scope sub-working group meeting
10 November 2020	FLEGT VPA meeting between the Royal Forest Department and the European Union Delegation to Thailand <a href="#">Read more</a>
11 November 2020	The Second Import Control sub-working group meeting <a href="#">Read more</a>
16 November 2020	The Second Sub-working Group Leaders meeting <a href="#">Read more</a>
18 November 2020	The Second Supply Chain Control on Public Land meeting
26 November 2020	The Third Thai Timber Legality Assurance System (THA-TLAS) & Thai Supply Chain Control meeting

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

Issues	Progresses/Outcomes
Annex I: Product Scope	<p>The sub-working group drafted recommendations as follow to submit the ad-hoc working group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- include 4702 (dissolving pulp) and 4704 (chemical pulp);</li> <li>- exclude products from recycled material out from code 47 and 48;</li> <li>- bamboo will not be included in the Product Scope;</li> <li>- include a description of supply chain control of bamboo products, which fall under code 4409, 4412, and 4418.</li> </ul>

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<p>FLEGT VPA expedition plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Royal Forest Department and the Delegation of the European Union to Thailand expressed their commitment to expedite the FLEGT VPA process to the point of agreement signing.</li> <li>- The sub-working group leaders drafted the new VPA roadmap, TEFSO work-plan, and annex strategy for the ad-ho working group review.</li> </ul>
<p>Guideline for timber import control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The sub-working group produced recommendations to develop the guideline. The guideline will be submitted to the ad-hoc working group for review.</li> </ul>
<p>Annex V: Thai Timber Legality Assurance System (THA-TLAS) &amp; Thai Supply Chain Control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The sub-working group drafted recommendations on THA-TLAS verification and licensing units and points to revise the draft annex, such as supply chain control of reclaimed timber and measure on confiscated timber, THA-TLAS verification, and licensing system and third-party certification that describe in Thai law.</li> </ul>