



32<sup>nd</sup> Monthly Report on Working Progress of TEFSO  
in December 2016

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*In December 2016, TEFSO has performed the following tasks:*

**1. Cabinet approval of FLEGT VPA negotiation framework**

According to the Cabinet meeting on 20 December 2016, the cabinet has approved of the FLEGT VPA negotiation framework and FLEGT VPA principle which proposed by Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE). The resolution brings about TEFSO under RFD can carry on the further process to start the first negotiation meeting as planned during 2016-2021.

**2. SME mini-field test arrangement**

TEFSO has got the request from the European Forest Institute (EFI) to provide the appropriate area to execute “the SME mini-field test project”. However, it is under the process to coordinate with the relevant operator and the project might be arranged in the middle of January. There will be the participants from EFI, Government sector, CSO and Private sector attend the field test.

**3. TEFSO e-newsletter no.4**

TEFSO issued bimonthly e-newsletter no.4 (November-December 2016) to publicize the interesting news from multi-stakeholders, international news and reported FLEGT implementation in Thailand. TEFSO e-newsletter no.4 was distributed to multi-stakeholders via e-mail on 23 December 2016. For other information please visit <http://tefso.org/en/newsletter-en-2/>.

**4. RFD structural adjustment policy**

Due to RFD structural adjustment policy, from the January 1, 2017 TEFSO will be the part of the Forest Certification Section under Permission Bureau as announcement from The Royal Forest Department.