



24th Monthly Report on Working Progress of TEFSO in February 2016

In February 2016, TEFSO has performed the following tasks:

1. Sub – working group meeting on final workshop no.3/2016

On 2nd February 2016, TEFSO was arranged the preparation meeting for final workshop of “Stakeholder Participatory Workshop on Timber Legality Definition in Thailand” no.3/2016 which will be arranged on 24th February 2016, Ad-Hoc working group representative compiled the comments from consultation process in the regional to 6 points, The comments conclusion will be presented at the final workshop event in the end of February.

2. Bi-Monthly Meeting no.1/2016

On 3rd February 2016, Mr.Banjong Wongsrisoontron, Director of TEFSO and staffs had a meeting with Mr. Bruno Commaert, FAO representative. The meeting was discuss on TEFSO work plan in 2016 and financial support from FAO. Mr.Bruno introduced new consultant, Ms.Josil P. Murray, FAO FLEGT Programme Consultant for Asia-Pacific at Forest and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations and she will work together with TEFSO since January, 2016.

3. Thai – EU FLEGT VPA working group meeting on Product scope no.1/2016

On 15 February 2016, Forest Certificate Office (FCO) and Thai – EU FLEGT Secretariat Office (TEFSO) under RFD arranged the Thai – EU FLEGT VPA working group on product scope meeting no.1/2016 at meeting room no.1, Tieam Komkrit Building,RFD. Mr. Pralong Damrongthai, Deputy Director of Royal Forest Department was a chairman, 40 participants attended the meeting. The VPA annex on product scope identifies the range of timber and timber products covered by a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) and identifies each product by a HS code. Raw materials such as logs, sawn wood, veneers, plywood and railway sleepers must be included, However, Thailand can include additional products in order to cover all of their timber exports to the EU. After all, It’s depend on Thailand stakeholders opinion to identifies the range of timber and timber products under FLEGT VPAs process.



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4. The Final Workshop on “Stakeholder Participatory Workshop on Timber Legality Definition in Thailand”

On 24 February 2016, Thai-EU FLEGT Secretariat Office under Royal Forest Department arranged The Final Workshop on “Stakeholder Participatory Workshop on Timber Legality Definition in Thailand” at Rama Gardens Hotel, Bangkok. Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Mr. Kasemsan Jinnawaso was a chairman on opening ceremony, the chairman gave policy statement on FLEGT implementation in Thailand, Mr. Pralong Damrongthai, Deputy Director of Royal Forest Department reported recommendation and comments on timber laws and regulation from four regional workshops, 150 participants from multi-stakeholders attended the meeting.