



3rd Monthly Report on Work Progress of Thai-EU Secretariat Office

Of July 2014

In July 2014, TEFSO has performed the following tasks:

EU Timber Regulation Seminar

TEFSO staff attended the seminar on European Union Timber Regulation (EUTR) in the activity of “EU Timber Regulations for Thailand Training for Trainers” supported by GIZ and Proforest, from 30 June to 2 July and 4 July 2014. The activity was organized to improve trainers’ understanding on EUTR as well as to find a solution for Thai timber industry to be able to export in the meantime that FLEGT license cannot be issued. Topics discussed in the seminar include: EUTR verification agencies, timber verification role, supply chain, chain of custody, due diligence, for instance. The seminar was held in Bangkok and field trip was held in timber factory in Chon Buri Province to observe the real timber processing. Director Banjong Wongsrisoontorn, Mr. Boonsuthee Jeravongpanich and Mr. Thada Suwannawimon, from the Royal Forest Department, were the speakers of the topics on timber certification and FLEGT work in Thailand.

EU FLEGT Related Meetings

The LD Meeting, Round 2, was held on 18 July 2014. In this meeting, participants jointly drafted Criteria and Legal Reference in the Modules, continually from the LD Meeting, Round 1, on 23 June 2014 in which the participants had drafted the Principles and suggestions.

Consultation Process on Legality Definition

Consultation process is one of the processes in drafting LD. This process will promote stakeholders’ engagement to encourage all parties to take part in the LD draft process.

TEFSO planned to hold a consultation meeting, continued from LD meeting, in all regions in the country. TEFSO plans to have a kickoff meeting, 4 regional workshops (in Chiang Mai, Khon Kaen, Surat Thani, and Ratchaburi Province), and 1 final meeting. Initially, the kickoff meeting is set to be held on 16 October 2014 by TEFSO will be responsible for the meeting venue, participants, and other matters. TEFSO has been funded by FAO to organize the consultation process and other related matters. It has requested Direct Assistance Request under “Stakeholder Engagement on the Legality Definition of Timber in Thailand” from FAO and Mr. Bruno Cammaert from FAO had forwarded the Project to the headquarter of FAO in Rome on 17 July 2014.

Logo of Thai-EU Secretariat Office (TEFSO)

TEFSO has its own official logo as below.

Name Change in Thai and English of TEFSO

TEFSO had changed its English name from “Thai-EU FLEGT VPA Secretariat Office” to “Thai-EU FLEGT Secretariat Office”.
