



**Minute of the 2nd Ad-Hoc Working Group Meeting on Product Scope
On Mar 29th, 2016 at H.A. Slade Bldg., 2nd Floor, Department of National Parks,
Wildlife and Plant Conservation**

Attendees

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| 1. Mr. Banjong Wongsrisoontorn | Forestry Certification Office, RFD |
| 2. Mr. Sukul Sirichantaradilok | The Customs Department |
| 3. Ms. Benjamaporn Prompem | Department of Foreign Trade |
| 4. Ms. Chutima Fungsumnieng | Agriculture Land Reform Office |
| 5. Ms. Pornpen Worawilawan | Forest Industry Organization |
| 6. Ms. Rattana Saardnak | Permission Bureau, RFD |
| 7. Mr. Panus Siriarpontam | Forest Checkpoint Bureau, RFD |
| 8. Ms. Chonlanet Prechajaruensri | Forest Management Bureau, RFD |
| 9. Mr. Niwat Luangborisud | Reforestation Promotion Office, RFD |
| 10. Mr. Rachen Phommaphoom | Forest Protection and Fire Control
Bureau, RFD |
| 11. Mr. Nirut Buapha | Natural Resources and Environment
Network Esan |
| 12. Mr. Baramee Chairat | The Assembly of the Poor |
| 13. Mrs. Yingluck Patiphanthewa | Private Forest Plantation Cooperative
Limited |
| 14. Mr. Jirawat Tangkijngamwong | Thailand Chamber of Commerce |
| 15. Mr. Thanun Ounkomol | Thai Furniture Industry Club |
| 16. Mr. Prasert Iemdeengamlert | Sawmills Association |
| 17. Mr. Ekasit Aneksittisin | Thai Timber Association |
| 18. Mr. Wiroat Kanaphongsa | Thai Panel Product Industry Club |
| 19. Asst. Prof. Ethipol Srisaowalak | Legal expert |
| 20. Mr. Poramet Payapsatan | RECOFTC Thailand |
| 21. Mr. Boonsuthee Jeravongpanich | Thai-EU FLEGT Secretariat Office
(TEFSO) |

Absentees

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| 1. Mr Sapol Boonsermsuk | International Forestry Cooperation
Office, RFD |
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| 2. Mr. Patkamol Tattipong | Department of Trade Negotiations |
| 3. Mr. Wijarn Sansakul | Legal Bureau, RFD |
| 4. Mr. Phongsa Choonam | Tree Bank |
| 5. Mr. Sawas Sookchan | Community Forest, Mae Tha, Chiangmai |
| 6. Natural Resources and Environmental Crime Suppression Division representative | |
| 7. Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University | |

Participants

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| 1. Ms. Sutinee Wattana | Department of Foreign Trade |
| 2. Mr. Pingsun Wang | Thai Panel Product Industry Club |
| 3. Ph.D. Somrudee Nicro | EFI |
| 4. Mr. Somsak Pongsomboon | Pulp and Paper Industry Club |
| 5. Mrs. Arunwan Petchsang | Thai Hevea Wood Association |
| 6. Ms. Phattranit Kharuehadetrattana | The Thai Pulp and Paper Industries Association (TPPIA) |
| 7. Ms. Kanungnit Chotivani | The Thai Pulp and Paper Industries Association (TPPIA) |
| 8. Mr. saroot Borebanbureepan | Siam Kraft Industry Co., Ltd. |
| 9. Ms. Nichanan Chuekoksoong | Reforestation Promotion Office, RFD |
| 10. Ms. Benyapha Sompoh | Reforestation Promotion Office, RFD |
| 11. Mr. Patapee puttipairot | Reforestation Promotion Office, RFD |
| 12. Ms. Radkraw Aungren | Reforestation Promotion Office, RFD |
| 13. Ms. Panjit Tansom | TEFSO |
| 14. Ms. Kessara Sanmongkol | TEFSO |
| 15. Ms. Isiyanee Samrit | TEFSO |

The meeting started at 09.00 hrs.

Mr. Banjong Wongsrisoontorn Director of TEFSO, chairman of the 2nd Ad-Hoc Working Group Meeting on Product Scope, This meeting has continued from the previous meeting on February 15, 2016. There are 38 participants from the government sector; civil society and the private sector. The meeting follows the agenda as follows;

Agenda item 1: Notification

The chairman of the Working Group presents the summary of the 1st FLEGT VPA Committee Meeting on March 15, 2016 about the arrangement of Joint Expert Meeting II (JEM II) and The 1st Negotiation meeting between Thailand and EU, which will be arranged at the end of April 2016.

The FLEGT VPA Committee concludes that RFD has to ask comment from Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs and follows the regulations and relevant legal.

However, the chairman explains to the Working Group that TEFSO has already asked comment from Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs, and RFD is waiting for their comment to provide next step.

Resolution The meeting informed.

Agenda item 2: Adopt minute of the 1st product scope meeting on February 15, 2016

Ms. Chutima Fungsumnieng from Agriculture Lad Reform Office edits participants list in page 3 from “ Mr. Supat Moonpruk, the representative from Legal Bureau, RFD” to “ Mr. Supat Moonpruk , the representative from Agriculture Lad Reform Office”

However, The chairman informs Working Group that adoption of next minutes will be processed through E-mail.

Resolution The meeting agree and adopt the minutes.

Agenda item 3: Product scope discussion no.2/2016

Mr. Boonsuthee Jeravongpanich , Deputy Director of TEFSO and Secretariat Assistant presents the background of FLEGT implementation in Thailand and introduce product scope annex to the Working Group, including presents list of wood product which Thai operators have exported to EU. (Annex 1). Product scope identifies the range of timber and timber products covered by a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) and identifies each product by an HS code.

Voting the list of wood product by HS code, the meeting agrees to divide wood product into 2 phases; the first phase consists of wood material and wood product which has an effect on export to EU, all products in the first phase will be listed in product scope annex. For the other products will be listed in the second phase. HS code no. 44xx, 47xx, 48xx and 94xx under the scope of EUTR are considered by the meeting. (Annex 2)

Resolution

- The meeting agrees to list HS code no. 44xx into the first phase of product scope.
- The representative from The Thai Pulp and Paper Industries Association (TPPIA) agree to list HS code no. 47xx and no.48xx into the first phase of product scope.

- The representative from the private sector, Mr. Jirawat Tangkijngamwong from Thailand Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Thanun Ounkomol from Thai Furniture Industry Club, Mr. Prasert Iemdeengamlert from Sawmills Association, Mr. Ekasit Aneksittisin from Thai Timber Association insist on listing HS code no. 94xx into the second phase because of formerly Furniture industries use Due Diligence System (DDS) to collect relevant documents to declare the source of timber which export to EU. They assure to the meeting that Furniture Industries have not got any the effect from DDS. However, if Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) of Thailand has been developed completely, Furniture will join VPA in the next phase.

Agenda item 4: Other matters

TEFSO presents Gap issue paper to the meeting, Gap issue paper was provided by Ms. Pawinee Udommai and Mr. Rod Nixon, LD Consultants, which collect the gap of regulations and law from Reginal Consultation and stakeholder discussion. (Annex 3)

Mr. Prasert Iemdeengamlert from Sawmills Association, ask to correct his opinion in issue 1; Imported Timber to “ If the EU considered, only Certificate of Origin (CO) has not enough to verify the source of timber, it could declare by other documents with CO to make it more reliable. Moreover, private sectors iterate that they didn’t support FSC process for solve issue 1 as recorded on Gap issue paper draft 1.

Issue 2; Verification Mechanism, Asst. Prof. Ethipol Srisaowalak Legal expert proposes private organizations to be certified verification, which can use Agricultural Standards Act., or others related Act., to be a standard for certifying verification. The chairman agrees with this proposal and propose that certifying verification can proceed by private organizations but have to follow as government process. Mr. Panus Siriarporntam, Director of Forest Checkpoint Division, Forest Checkpoint Bureau disagrees with this proposal because currently timber and wood product do not export everyday so it is not necessary to send timber and wood product to central administration of RFD to certify, it is the local administration of RFD responsibility. Mr. Panus propose, Government sector should be the organization.

Issue 3; Supply Chain Controls, on monitoring timber origin point, the meeting agree to support Legality Assurance System (TLAS) more than National Single Window (NSW) because NSW has not been developed completely.

Issue 5; Environmental Management, the meeting will consider this issue again in the next meeting, and asks TEFSO to revise Thai and English language in Gap issue paper and adapts the meaning in the context of Thai.

Conclusion and Next steps

- TEFSO revises Thai and English language in Gap issue paper and adapts the meaning in the context of Thai and submit to working group on April 5, 2016

If the working group has any comments please send back to TEFSO for editing as soon as possible.



The meeting ended at 15.30 hrs.

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