

TEFSO Newsletter

Thai-EU FLEGT Secretariat Office

The FLEGT

Legality Definition (LD)

Royal Forest Department (RFD) sent the first draft of Legality Definition (LD) to EU (technically) on 15 Jul'16. The EU had sent the feedback on LD back on 13 Aug'16 and TEFSO had translated the feedback into Thai and arranged the Ad-Hoc WG on LD feedback on 24 Aug'16 with 37 participants. It aims to technically discuss the EU feedback on the draft LD and revised the draft further. In a case of the meeting may have any question, TEFSO will coordinate technically to EU for further information.



▲ The AD-Hoc Working Group Meeting on Legal Definition (LD) no.4 was held on 24th August 2016. Mr.Pralong Damrongthai, Deputy Director-General of RFD was the chairman of the meeting.

Supply Chain Controls

The Supply Chain Controls is one of the annexes of FLEGT VPA that RFD had drafted this annex and arranged the Ad-Hoc WG meeting on 30 Aug'16 to discussed and revised the draft through the participatory process of related stakeholder on timber. This meeting got more interesting from the private sector who not involve in the working group.



▲ The AD-Hoc Working Group Meeting on Supply Chain Control (SCC) no.1 was held on 30th August 2016. The participants divide into 2 groups, Private sector and CSOs group (left side) and Government sector group (right side). They discussed on Supply Chain Control flow chart which drafted by TEFSO

More information: <http://tefso.org/en/news/>

FLEGT Tips

EU FLEGT Action Plan

The Action Plan sets out a range of measures that aim to combat the problem of illegal logging. These include:

- support for improved governance and capacity building in timber-producing countries;
- development of Voluntary Partnership Agreements with timber-producing countries to prevent illegally produced timber from entering the EU market;
- Efforts to reduce the EU's consumption of illegally harvested timber and discourage investments by EU institutions that may encourage illegal logging.

Timber and timber products covered by FLEGT

FLEGT covers a broad range of timber products including solid wood products, flooring, plywood, pulp and paper, wooden furniture, wooden picture frames, and nearly all products made out of wood. This includes timber and product timbers from commercial forest plantations such as rubber wood, products made from sawdust and wood waste, whether compressed into any form. Not included are recycled products, as well as printed papers such as books, magazines and newspapers



The Corner...

RECOFTC held the Chain of Custody Workshop between 17-19 August 2016 at Piman Boutique Resort, Bangkok, for CSOs FLEGT network members from across the country to build understanding on Chain of Custody in Thailand. It is also the channel for CSOs FLEGT Network members to give some feedback and recommendation to amend the Chain of Custody in Thailand with governance. The participant were educated by Dr. Sutep ChanKeaw from Thai - Forest Certification Network:T-CERN and inspected the Chain of Custody system in the field at Deesawat Industries Company Limited.



▲ Dr.Sutep ChanKeaw builds CSOs FLEGT network members more understanding on Supply Chain Control in Thailand which is the sixth annexes of FLEGT VPA process.



▲ CSOs FLEGT network members inspected the Chain of Custody system in the field at Deesawat Industries Company Limited.

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FLEGT Discovery

EU opens doors to Indonesia's licensing scheme for exports of verified legal timber



The European Commission has amended the EU Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Regulation (FLEGT) to recognise Indonesia's licensing scheme for exports of verified legal timber to the EU. One third (by value) of the EU's tropical timber imports comes from Indonesia and the EU buys 11% of timber products and paper exported from the country.

The delegated regulation amends the FLEGT Regulation to include Indonesia and its Licensing Information Unit under the list of 'Partner countries and their designated licensing authorities'. It now also includes Indonesian products covered by the FLEGT licensing scheme in the list of 'Timber products to which the FLEGT licensing scheme applies only in relation to the corresponding partner countries'.

The delegated regulation will enter into application on 15 November, making this the earliest date that Indonesia could begin to issue FLEGT licences. The EU-Indonesia Joint Implementation Committee will announce the date for FLEGT licensing to begin when it meets on 15 September.

The FLEGT Voluntary Partnership Agreement has strengthened forest governance in Indonesia by increasing transparency, accountability and stakeholder participation in decisions about forests. In 2002, just 20% of Indonesia's timber was legal. Today, over 90% of Indonesia's timber exports are from independently audited factories and forests.

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