



Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange

March 13th-15th, 2019
Central Hall Westminster
London

Background: Since 2012, Forest Trends has been working with officials from EU Member States and US Lacey enforcement agencies, to further understanding of complex high-risk supply chains for wood products and support coordinated implementation of the EU Timber Regulation and US Lacey Act. These two workstreams have merged into a process called the Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange (TREE), an ongoing series of networking and information-sharing meetings, which bring the growing group of officials together for detailed discussions on current and emerging themes to support their enforcement efforts.

Objective: The TREE process aims to support robust and consistent enforcement of demand-side timber regulations by providing a forum for officials to gain detailed insight into high- and low-risk timber flows entering their countries, discuss practical enforcement issues with each other and relevant experts from the forest sector and other relevant product/environmental sectors, establish emergent norms for Due Diligence/care in relation to different forest products, and build relationships with producer country governments, industry representatives, and other stakeholders involved in combating illegal logging and promoting global markets for legal timber.

Agenda

Wednesday 13th March	
08.30	<i>Coffee and registration</i>
09.00 – 09.15	<p>Welcome, aims and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Duncan Johnson, UK Office of Products and Standards · Jade Saunders, Forest Trends
09.15 – 11.00	<p>Brazil</p> <p>Facilitator: Marigold Norman, Forest Trends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Risk Evidence and Timber Imports from Brazil – Jade Saunders, Forest Trends · Forest Logbook and Brazil – Yulia Stange, ClientEarth · An enforcement perspective on imports from Brazil – Niels Bølling, Ministry of Environment and Food, Denmark · Considering Handroanthus spp.(ipê) for CITES listing – Catherine Rutherford, consultant
11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee</i>
11.30-13.00	<p>Turkey</p> <p>Facilitator: Jade Saunders, Forest Trends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Turkish Furniture Trade Trends – Marigold Norman, Forest Trends · The Turkish Furniture Industry: Overview and Risks – Jake Willis, Efeca · UK Turkish Furniture Industry Project Results – Suzanne McGuinness, Office for Product Safety and Standards
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 17.00 (including coffee break at 16:00)	<p>Closed session enforcement officials: Source country training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Russian Far East – John Simeone, Simeone Consulting · Democratic Republic of Congo – Sophie Dirou, TEREA · Honduras – Yadira Cruz, consultant
17.00-17.30	Closed session for government only

Thursday 14 th March	
08.30	<i>Coffee and registration</i>
09.00 – 10.00	<p><i>New Trade Trends and Taking Stock</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Kerstin Canby, Forest Trends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Global ILAT Risk Analysis – Marigold Norman, Forest Trends · Furniture Sector Outlook – Mandy Carmody, Quality Solutions
10.00 - 10.30	<i>Coffee</i>
10.30 – 12.15	<p><i>Science-based Authentication of Timber</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Alex Moad, US Forest Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · DART MS as the primary means of wood identification for screening shipments in US ports– Cady Lancaster, US Forest Service · How Science-based Authentication has Supported US Enforcement– Meaghan Parker, WRI · How Science-based Authentication has Supported EU Enforcement– Roger Young, Agroisolab · Ways Forward– Alex Moad, US Forest Service
12.15-13.15	<i>Lunch</i>
13.15-15.00	<p><i>Resources for Risk Assessment Update</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Marigold Norman, Forest Trends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Country Guidelines – Liz Womack, UNEP WCMC on behalf of the European Commission, DC ENV.F.3 · Russia’s LesEGAIS-system – Shingo Masuda, Finnish Food Authority · IFM Resources – Marie Vallée, WRI and Valerie Vauthier, REM · SPOTT Transparency Tool – Joyce Lam, ZSL
15.00-15.30	<i>Coffee</i>

15.30-17.00	<p>Certification</p> <p>Facilitator: Jade Saunders, Forest Trends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Comparative Assessment of Certification Schemes – Christian Sloth, NEPCon · Volume Reconciliation After the Online Claims Platform- Phil Guillery, FSC · PEFC Myanmar Project – Rémi Sournia, PEFC and Barber Cho, Myanmar Forest Certification Committee
17.00-17.30	Closed session for government only
<p>Sponsored group dinner 19.30 at Rasa W1 6 Dering St, Mayfair London, W1S 1AD</p>	

Friday 15th March	
<p>09.00-16.00</p> <p>Prosecutors Meeting</p>	<p>09.00- 12.15</p> <p>Field Trip to Kew for Enforcement Officials</p>
Meeting ends	

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