

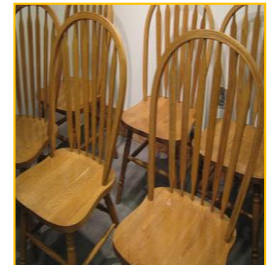
Myanmar Overview

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What GTF does

- Communications and news for the industry covering the full range of sector issues
- Capacity building for the industry on issues surrounding market access
- Providing/facilitating a voice for the smaller players that dominate the forest industries



Myanmar Background

- In 2013 commissioned DFID funded NEPCo report on state of play and risk matrix
- Trade missions facilitated by GTF coordinating US, EU and Australian trade in October 2014 & Sept 2015
 - Trade represents higher value, volumes v small
- Log ban in April 2015; aimed at China/India
- Sanctions in EU & US
 - No barriers EU
 - IWPA State Dept Licence



Emerging Projects/Issues



- Myanmar Forest Certification Committee – Myanmar Timber Legality Assurance System Gap Analysis
- Myanmar Forest Products Merchant Federation – Developing Myanmar trade capacity to meet domestic and international (FLEGT) requirements
- Uncertain role of MTE, Corporatisation, Forest Act, National Export Strategy, New Ministry?
- Education and training on EUTR/Lacey and ILPA



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IWPA Perspective on Myanmar Trade

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Who is IWPA

- Only U.S. based trade association dedicated to the interests of wood importers. Founded in 1956.
Membership categories:
 - North American Importers -- manufacturers, retailers of wood products
 - Overseas Members --
 - Associate Members -- Service providers, trade facilitators & NGOs

IWPA Core Purpose

To build acceptance and demand in North America for globally sourced wood products from sustainably managed forests.



IWPA Specific License Process



Basics



- Specific License only – *not* a general license or waiver
- Goal -- Encourage and support reform process and develop long term trading relationships
- Education process – US side and Myanmar side
- Develop CoC processes in mills & direct trade

Wood Trade Compliance Training

Seeing the
FOREST
AND THE
TREES



Wood Trade
Compliance Training
and Due Diligence Tools



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