



Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange

April 5-8, 2016

Holiday Inn – Prague Congress Centre
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Background: Since 2012, Forest Trends and Chatham House have 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 every six months.

Objective: The Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange (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.

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, April 5 – Document training, introductions, and updates		
08.30	Coffee and registration	
09.00 – 09.30	Welcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Daniel Szorad, DG of Czech State Forest Enterprise</i> • <i>Tomas Krejzar, Director of Department of Forest Policy and Economy, Ministry of Agriculture</i> Aims and introductions	
09.30 – 12.30	Country expert document training for regular TREE participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cameroon</i> • <i>Ukraine</i> • <i>Peru</i> 	Introduction to EUTR, ILPA, and Lacey for new Government representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Trends: <i>Kerstin Canby, Eve Richer, Forest Policy, Trade, and Finance Program</i>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Timber Regulation: Natalie Benesova, Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic • Lacey Act: Parul Patel, US Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service • Illegal Logging Prohibition Act: Teresa McMaugh, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, Australia
12.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 14.30	Asian Legislative Developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indonesia: Sigit Pramono, Ministry of Environment and Forestry • Korea: Hong Gi, Korea Forest Service • Taiwan: Chun-I Liu, Forestry Bureau 	
14.30 – 17.00 <i>Including 30 min coffee break at 15.00</i>	Myanmar Risks and Due Diligence Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview: Kerstin Canby, Forest Trends • Current cases: Belinda Christensen, Swedish Forest Agency • Export license overview: Cindy Squires, IWPA • Project update: Rachel Butler, Global Timber Forum 	
Evening	Reception	
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Wednesday, April 6 – Eastern Europe and the Balkans		
09.00 – 13.00	DANZER field trip	
13.00 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 17.00 <i>Including 30 min coffee break at 15.30</i>	Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and the Balkans: Due Diligence Options and Risks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serbia: Forest control structure and production for export: Dusan Jovic, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection • Regional illegality risks: Brian Milakovsky, WWF • Due Diligence lessons: Klara Popovova, Herrmann & Vogel (Czech Operator) • Lumber Liquidators case: Patrick Duggan, US Department of Justice • EUTR and Corruption: Lorenzo Segato, RiSSC/TREES project 	
19:00	Sponsored group dinner Brewery and restaurant U Flekú Kremencova 11 Prague 1 http://en.ufleku.cz/contact/how-to-find-us/	

	New government group departs
Thursday, April 7 - Cameroon	
09.30	Coffee
10.00	Cameroon: Trade data and Due Diligence System standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Eve Richer, Forest Trends</i> • <i>Michael Kearney, NMRO (UK)</i>
11.00	Coffee
11.30	Cameroon: Risk assessment/compliance tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Alexandra Banks, NepCon</i> • <i>Filip Verbelen, Greenpeace</i> • <i>Andrea Johnson, Independent Consultant</i>
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Cameroon: Due Diligence/Care responses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ewa Bazydlo, Lathams (UK Importer)</i> • <i>Armand Stockmans, SOMEX (Belgian Importer)</i>
15.30	Coffee
16.00	Closed session for government only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jan Doubal, Czech Republic</i> • <i>Meriam Wortel, Netherlands</i>
Friday, April 8 – Peru	
09.30	Coffee
10.00 <i>Including 30 min coffee break at 11.30</i>	Peru: Risk assessment/compliance tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peru risk assessment: <i>Alexandra Banks, NepCon</i> • Shipment seizures update: <i>Ryan Connors, US Department of Justice</i> • Peru-US new verification requirements: <i>Shelley Gardner, US Forest Service</i> • GLAD data and commodity risk ratings: <i>Mikaela Weisse, WRI</i> • Certification and responsible exports: <i>Juliane Lemcke, Import Promotion Desk</i>
13.00 – 14.00	Closed session for government only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Niels Bølling, Denmark</i> • <i>Parul Patel, US Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service</i> <i>Next meeting/TREE Newsletter</i>
14.30	Lunch