Communicating about FLEGT licences

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1. What is a FLEGT licence?
FLEGT licence

• A FLEGT licence is a document that confirms that timber or timber products fully comply with relevant laws of the country of export.
• FLEGT licensed timber products comply with the requirements of the EUTR.
• Operators in the EU do not need to undertake further due diligence on FLEGT licensed timber.
Global media coverage
2. What is FLEGT?
EU FLEGT Action Plan

- Address illegal logging and foster good forest governance
- Combines supply and demand measures
- EU Timber Regulation
- VPAs
There are 15 VPA countries

Implementing
Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ghana, Indonesia, Liberia, Republic of the Congo

Negotiating
Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Guyana, Honduras, Laos, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam
FLEGT Regulation versus EUTR

• Under the EUTR, FLEGT licensed timber requires no further due diligence

• FLEGT Competent Authorities are the authorities in EU Member States responsible for verifying FLEGT licences, as set out in the FLEGT Regulation

• The FLEGT regulation provides for its own tools for FLEGT CAs to exercise additional verification on FLEGT licences

• The VPA has its own third party monitoring and independent evaluation measures in place
3. What tools are available for learning and communicating about FLEGT licences?
The wait is over. FLEGT licences are coming.
FLEG-T licence information point

Welcome

The FLEG-T licence information point explains what FLEG-T licences are and how they can benefit businesses in the EU as well as timber producers in countries outside the EU. It includes answers to dozens of frequently asked questions that cover everything from the basics to complex trade scenarios and how to report any problems.

It includes details of FLEG-T Competent Authorities in each EU Member State, and provides information for importers and other traders of FLEG-T-licensed products in the EU. A section devoted to Indonesia, the first country to begin FLEG-T licensing, describes the country’s timber legality assurance system (SVLK), FLEG-T licensing procedures and FLEG-T-
Factsheet

FLEGT licensed timber

This factsheet provides an overview of key information about FLEGT licences and FLEGT-licensed timber. For more detail, visit the FLEGT Licence Information Portal, which includes answers to dozens of frequently asked questions (see www.flegtlicence.org).

FLEGT licensed products meet the due diligence requirements of EU Timber Regulation

The EU Timber Regulation (2100/2010) requires operators, defined as any natural or legal person that places timber or timber products on the EU market, to exercise due diligence when placing timber or timber products on the market. To exercise due diligence, operators must ensure that the timber or timber products they place on the market are either:

- derived from a Joint Forest Management Agreement (JFMA) in a country with a Code of Conduct that has applied a voluntary partnership agreement (VPA) with the EU, or
- satisfy the criteria of being from a country in which FLEGT-licensed timber is produced.

FLEGT-licensed timber is verified as legal

A FLEGT licence is a document that confirms that a shipment of timber or timber products has been legally produced, in accordance with the laws of the country of origin. FLEGT licences can only be issued by countries that have ratified a voluntary partnership agreement (VPA) with the EU, as an annex to each VPA, lists the criteria the country must comply with to be eligible for FLEGT licensing.
4. In your work, are there audiences who could benefit from knowing more about FLEGT licences?
5. What information and tools might you need?
Thank you