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# **EUTR implementation and domestic (forest) legislation in the Czech Republic**

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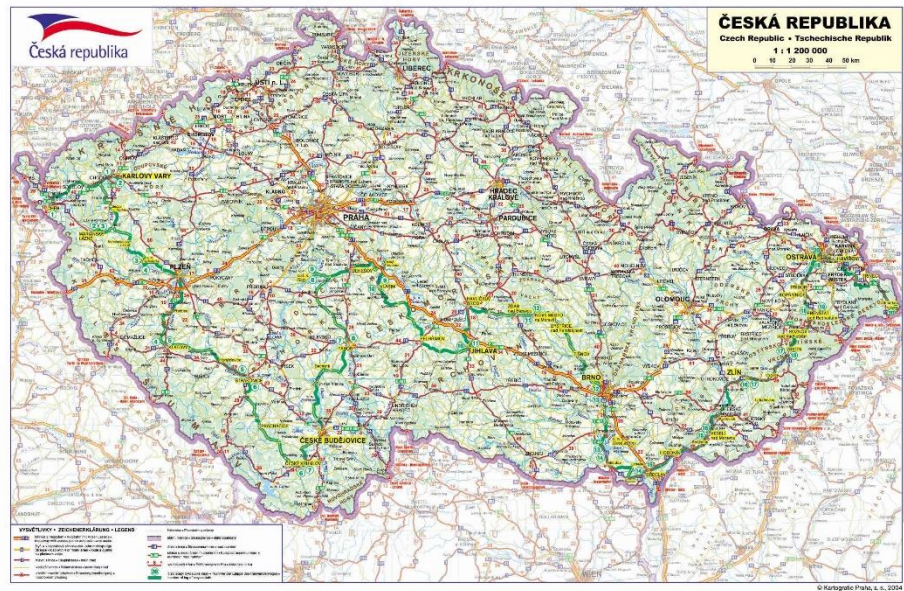
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# Abstract

- National legislative
- Competences / the structure of CA
- Comparison of sanction systems
- international activities / national workshop / seminars for operators
- Collaboration with other state agencies – Timber Institute / Ministry of Foreign Affairs / working party on legislative aspects of EUTR

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# National legislative

- **Concerning EUTR**
  - **Act No. 226/2013 Coll., on placing timber and timber products on the market**
    - has been translated in English (*unofficial translation*) - Capacity4Dev
    - main goals– competences, sanctions
- **Concerning forestry and nature**
  - **Act No. 289/1995 Coll. , on forest – FOREST LAW**
  - **Act No. 114/1992 Coll., on nature protection**
- These two are important for checks on domestic operators
  - **Act No. 100/2004 Coll., on trading with endangered species - CITES**



# Competences / the structure of CA

- Ministry of Agriculture (3)
  - delegates tasks
  - communicates with the Commission
  - handles appeals and complaints



- Forest Management Institute (20)
  - checks operators and MO's



- Czech Trade Inspection Authority
  - checks traders



- Customs (2)
  - provide data of imports



- Regional Authorities (14x2)
  - impose sanctions



# Sanctions

- **Forest law**
  - up to 1 000 000 CZK (app. 37 000 EUR)
  - executes logging beyond the approved forest management plan or executes another logging in contravention of this Act (in a forest younger than 80 years)
- **Act on Nature protection**
  - up to 2 000 000 CZK (app. 74 000 EUR)
  - executes illegal activity in the protected area, such as in protected forest
- **Act on trading with endangered species**
  - up to 1 500 000 CZK (app. 55 500 EUR)
  - Trades with CITES timber without permission



# EUTR sanction system

- § 12 act no. 226/2013 specifies **sanctions** for breaching of the Act, from 50 000 CZK to 5 000 000 CZK.
- *Operators* are sanctioned, when
  - they do not maintain a due diligence system (up to 500 000 CZK = app. 18 300 EUR),
  - they do not maintain appropriate records evaluated during the control (up to 100 000 CZK = app. 3 700 EUR),
  - they place an illegally harvested timber or timber products on the market (up to 5 000 000 CZK = app. 183 000 EUR).
- *Traders* are sanctioned, when they do not maintain appropriate records evaluated during the control up to 50 000 CZK (app. 1830 EUR).
- few sanctions imposed – to operators and to traders as well



# International activities – FAO workshop + ToS/national workshop/ seminars for operators

- **International FAO workshop on Forest Policy + Team of Specialist on forest policy**
  - Prague, Oct 2015
  - participants – EU countries, post-soviet countries such as Belarus, Ukraine, Armenia, Moldova, Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan
  - wider scope of discussion, aim to include EUTR in the workshop formally/informally
- **EUTR national workshop**
- **Seminars for operators**
  - Local and regional in order to be closer to people
  - Small cities in combination with seminars in Prague and Brno





# Collaboration with other state agencies – Timber Institute / Ministry of Foreign Affairs / working party on legislative aspects of EUTR

- **Timber Institute**
  - sample test – this autumn
- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
  - training programme for agro-diplomats for embassies in Moscow and Beijing – one of our request is to take care of document verification for EUTR
- **Working party on legislative aspects of EUTR**
  - established by Ministry
  - meeting every June and September
  - interpretation of Statutes



# Thank you for your attention.

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