

FLEGT LICENSING & INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION





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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- ✓ Ghana's Commitments under VPA
- ✓ Ghana VPA & Status of LAS Development and implementation
- ✓ Status on FLEGT License issuance in Ghana
- ✓ New Legislation/Policy to Enhance FLEGT
- ✓ FLEGT Enforcement Institutions
- ✓ Institutional Support to Ghanaian Timber Operatives

OUTLINE CONT'D

- Arrangements to enable Ghanaian exporters meet EUTR requirements
- ✓ Some Req'd Official Doc's Along Supply Chain
- ✓ Way Forward
- ✓ Conclusion

Ghana's Commitments under VPA

- VPA initialed on September 3, 2008 in Accra
- Ghana and the EU ratified the Agreement in June
 & Nov 2009 respectively at their parliaments
- Ghana became the FIRST PARTNER COUNTRY to conclude and ratify the agreement



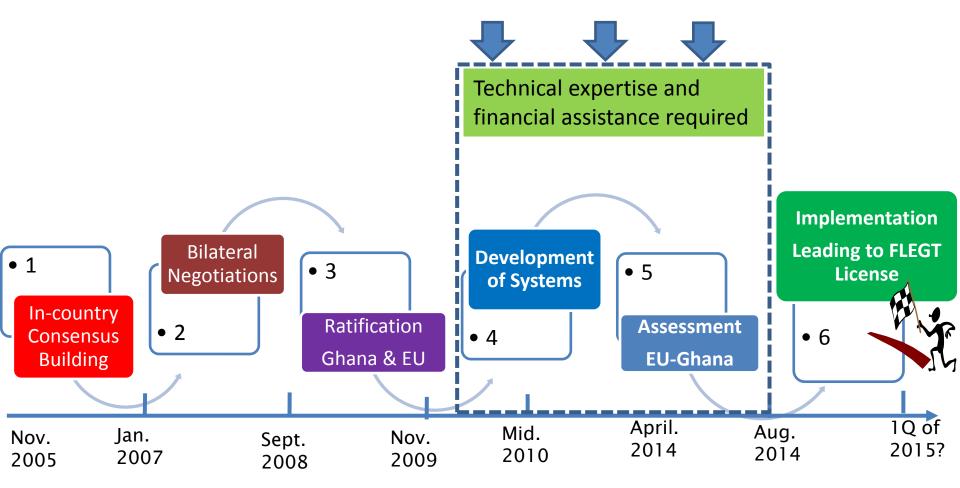








Ghana's VPA Path



VPA and status of implementation

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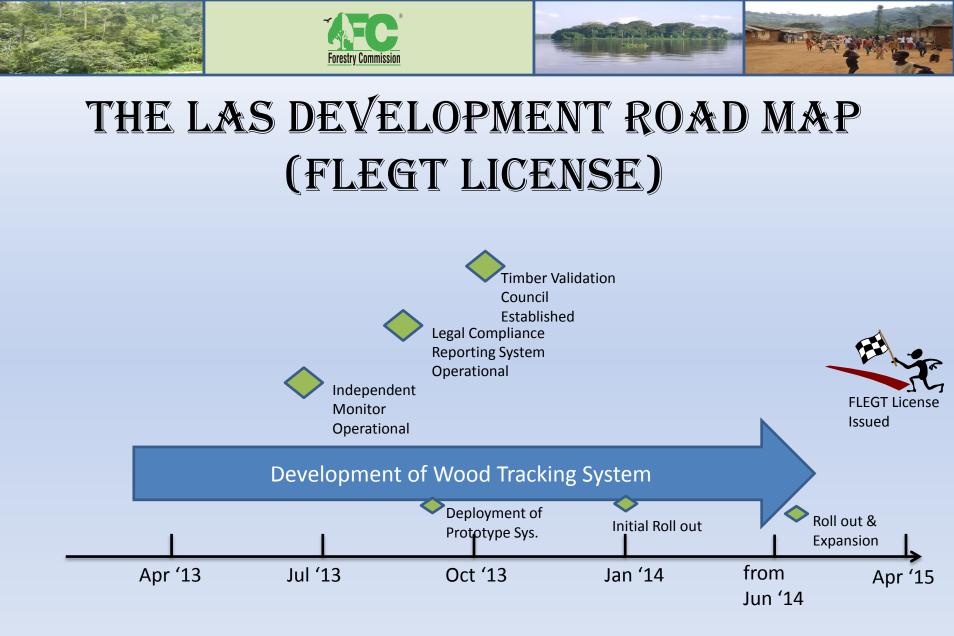
KEY ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Legal definition	Legal definition established through broad multi- stakeholder process (MSP)
Establish a Legality Assurance System	 WTS designed & installed. Phased approach is being used for nation-wide rollout; WTS has been tested with 2 large-scale timber companies Verification protocols developed and field tested in selected districts. Nation-wide roll out to begin by mid. November, 2014.
Legal reforms	 Forest & Wildlife Policy 2012. Licensing Regulation (LI2184) passed Long term reforms & consolidations of forestry laws under consultations
Timber Validation Department (TVD) and Timber Validation Council (TVC)	TVD created and runningTVC inaugurated and in place
Independent Forest Monitor (IM)	 Identified and contract concluded. IM has submitted inception report and draft modus operandi to FC/MLNR for review





VPA and status of implementation

KEY ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
Joint Monitoring Review Mechanism	Up and running
Domestic Market	 Domestic market policy developed Procurement policy developed and implementation guidelines being concluded LI 1824 expected to strengthen regulations on domestic market Piloting of alternate livelihood programmes
Industry restructuring and re-tooling	 Industry development Blue print developed creating linkages to Ghana's industrial policy.
FLEGT License	 EU/Ghana made assessment of WTS/LAS in April 2014 Start test runs of some consignments in Jan 2015 National roll out for all exports by July 2015







NEW LEGISLATION/POLICY TO ENHANCE FLEGT

Timber Resources (Legality Licensing) Regulations, 2012 – LI2184

ELEMENTS of LI2184	SECTIONS
Requirements For License	9
Application for License	10
Conditions for License	11
Non-Transferability	14
Validity & Duration	15
Suspension & Cancellation	16
Inspection & Investigation	23
Mingling of Timber	25
Offences	26

FLEGT ENFORCEMENT INSTITUTIONS

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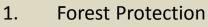
Assist the private sector / other bodies with

the implementation of policies

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Undertake plantation development

FC



- 2. Forest Production
- 3. Plantation Development
 - 1. Wood Trade/Industry
 - 2. Wood Products inspection and grading
 - 3. Wood Trade/Industry development and modernization
 - 1. Managing Protected Areas.
 - 2. Conservation Education and creation of Public Awareness.
 - 3. Ecotourism development



INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT TO GHANAIAN TIMBER OPERATIVES

- Provide guidance and support to Timber Industry Operators, particularly SME's (Create the platform, assist with Information and relevant documentation etc.,) to be able to meet EUTR requirements
- Provide relevant training (including awareness creation) and build capacity of industry in Timber Validation and Verification Instruments
- ✓ Assist Industry to develop certification schemes
- ✓ Institutions to frequently engage buyers and strengthen communication.



ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING EUTR REQUIREMENTS



Activity Area	Possible Documents
Harvesting	TUC, Approved Yield, Management Plans, TIF* and LIF.
Processing /Transport	PLMCC, ILMC, LMCC, IPTW, Product Inspection Certificates and Way- bill
Compliance with required Regulations/Payments	Valid Form C, evidence of Payment Export Levies, Taxes, special levies (levies on unprocessed timber& processed timber[Air dried levy])
Export of timber /Trade	Registration Certificate, Export License, CITES Permit, Certificate of Origin, Phytosanitary Certificates





SOME REQUIRED OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS ALONG SUPPLY CHAIN

Timber Access Rights

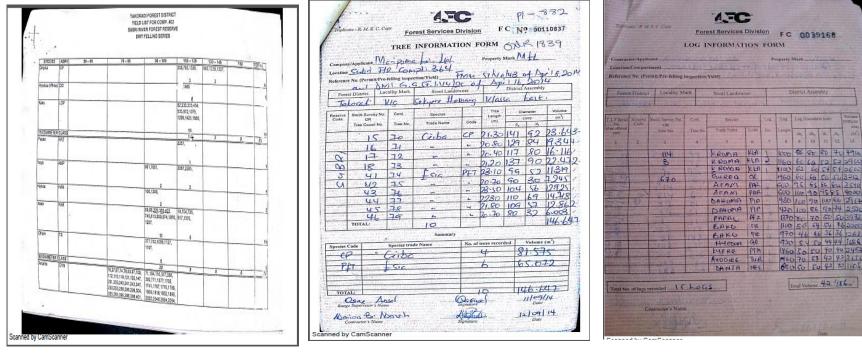
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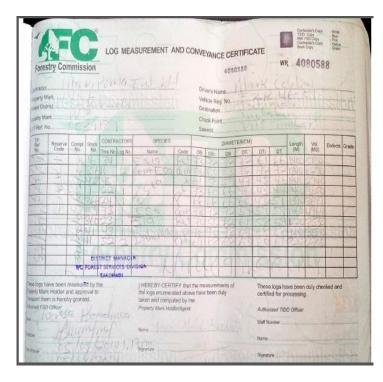
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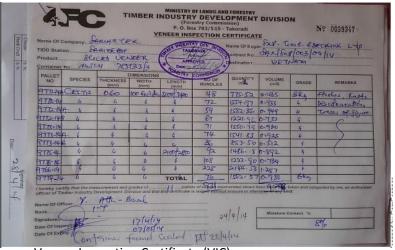
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Lumber Inspection Certificate (LIC)



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Overland Timber Inspection Certificate (OTIC)



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WOOD EXPORT RELATED DOCUMENTS

Registration Certificate Export Permit

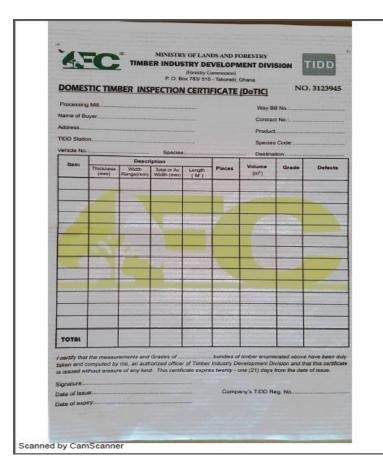
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WAY FORWARD

- Continue Sensitization of Wood Products Producers/Exporters to be compliant with laid down regulations (Legality assurance matrix as a guide)
- Continue to communicate closely with clients/buyers and monitor progress of implementation of EUTR
- Awareness creation programme in key markets and in-country
- ✓ Fast track FLEGT License Issuance and certification process in Ghana

CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ Both Industry and Institutions need to keep in tune with requirements of EUTR so that Ghana does not lose out in the EU market, bearing in mind most of our valued buyers are in Europe.
- ✓ Need for exporters to work seriously with their clients in meeting their DDS requirements.
- ✓ Our ability to meet EUTR will help in other ways, for example, in sustainable forest management and also advantage in gaining market access in other non-EU markets.

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