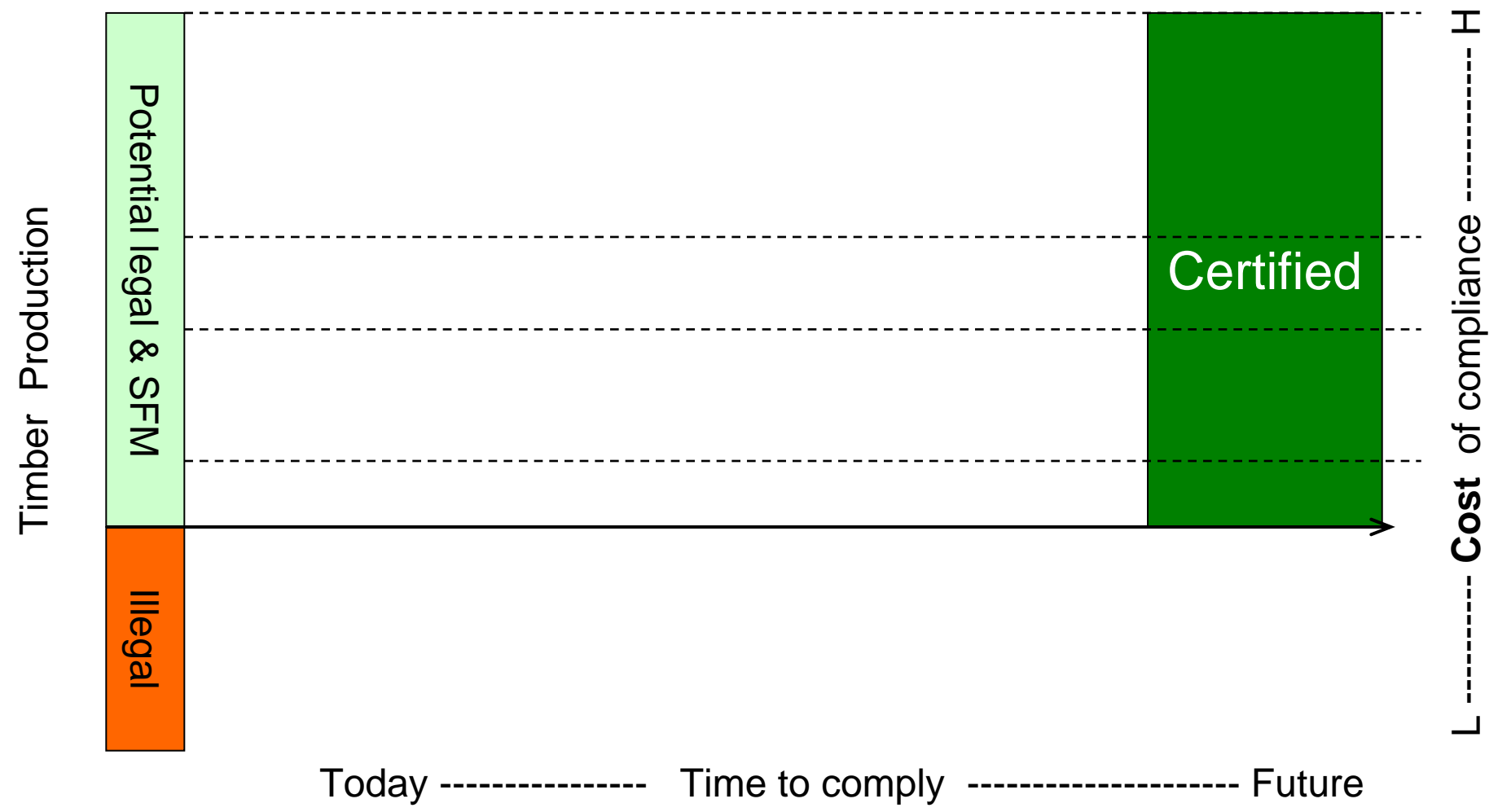




Legality Verification: What Should Voluntary Programs Include?

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Businesses say they need verification



We will ensure that as a minimum, any virgin material in our supply chain *comes from legal sources*.



It is Kingfisher policy to work with our suppliers of timber and timber-containing products to *establish the origin of the wood used*. Independently verifiable documentation must be provided



IKEA minimum requirements on solid wood, veneer, plywood and layer glued wood:

- The *origin of the wood must be known*
- Wood must be produced *in compliance with national and regional forest legislation*



Companies undertaking commercial logging (from lands under their control) or primary processing of timber in “high risk” countries will be subject to standard *compliance with law representation*.



Trade participants will need to make public documented, time-bound commitments to phase out all trade in *wood from unknown, illegal and controversial sources* within 5 years.

High risk locations

Russian Federation

China

Burma

Laos

Vietnam

Cambodia

Malaysia Philippines

Indonesia Papua

New Guinea

Honduras

Colombia

Ecuador

Peru

Brazil

Bolivia

Liberia

Ghana

Ivory Coast

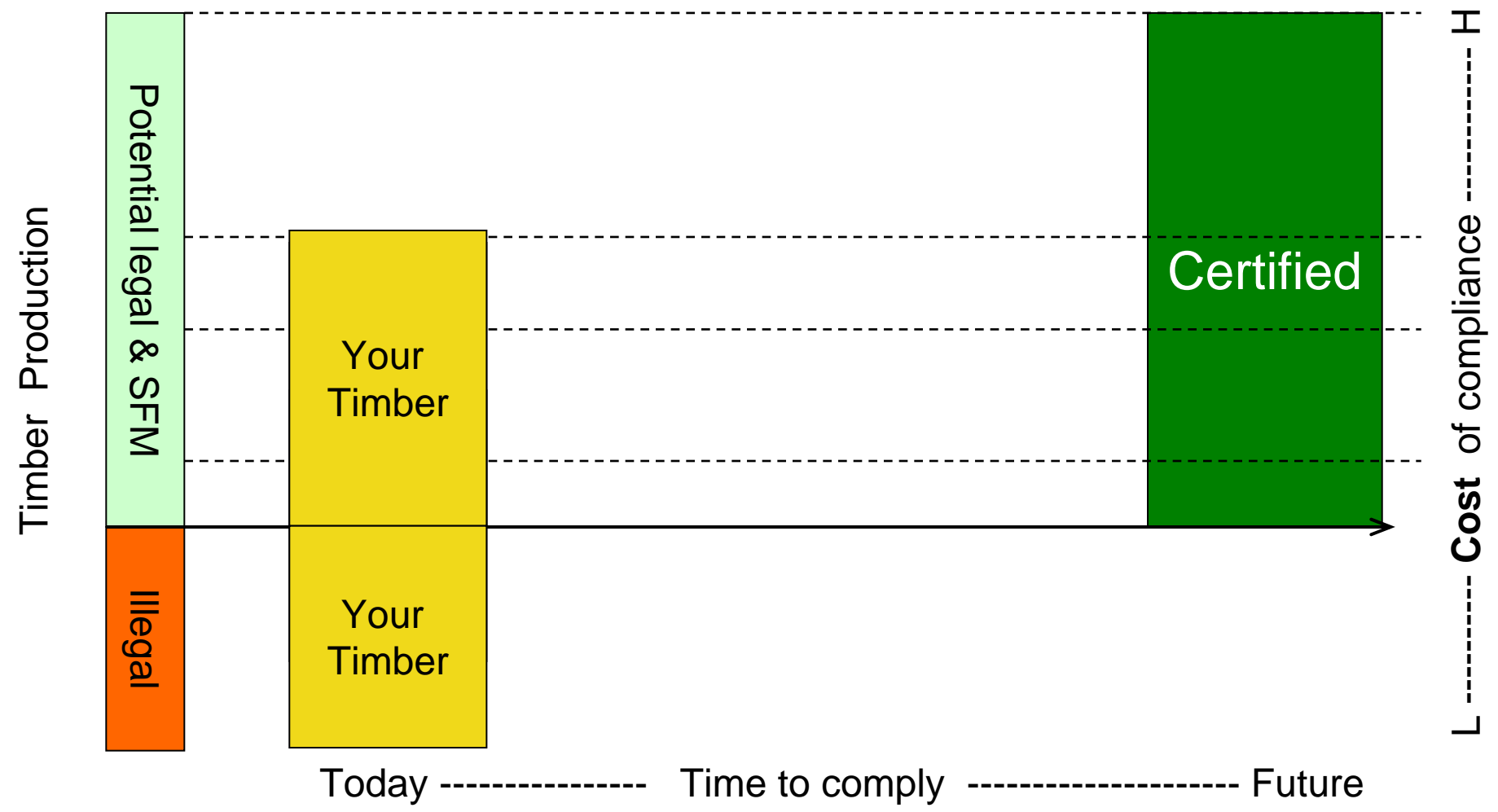
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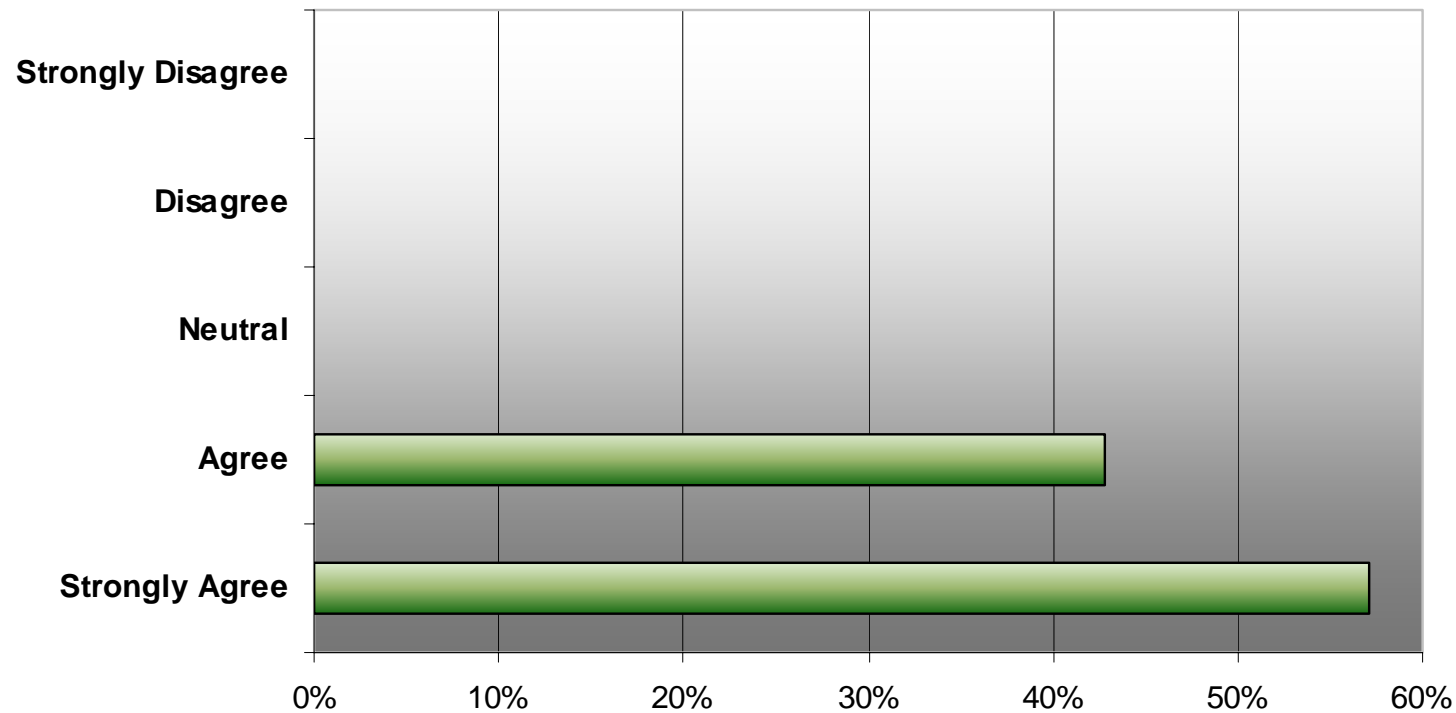
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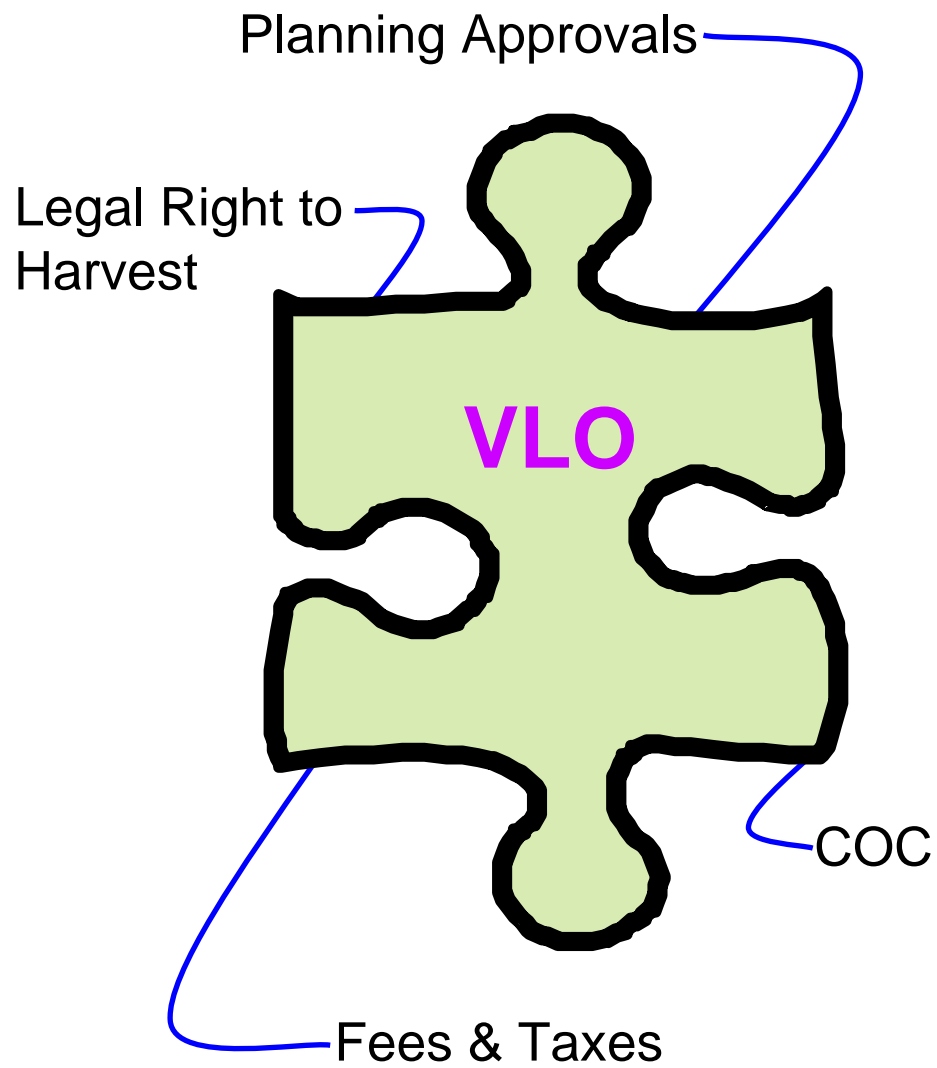


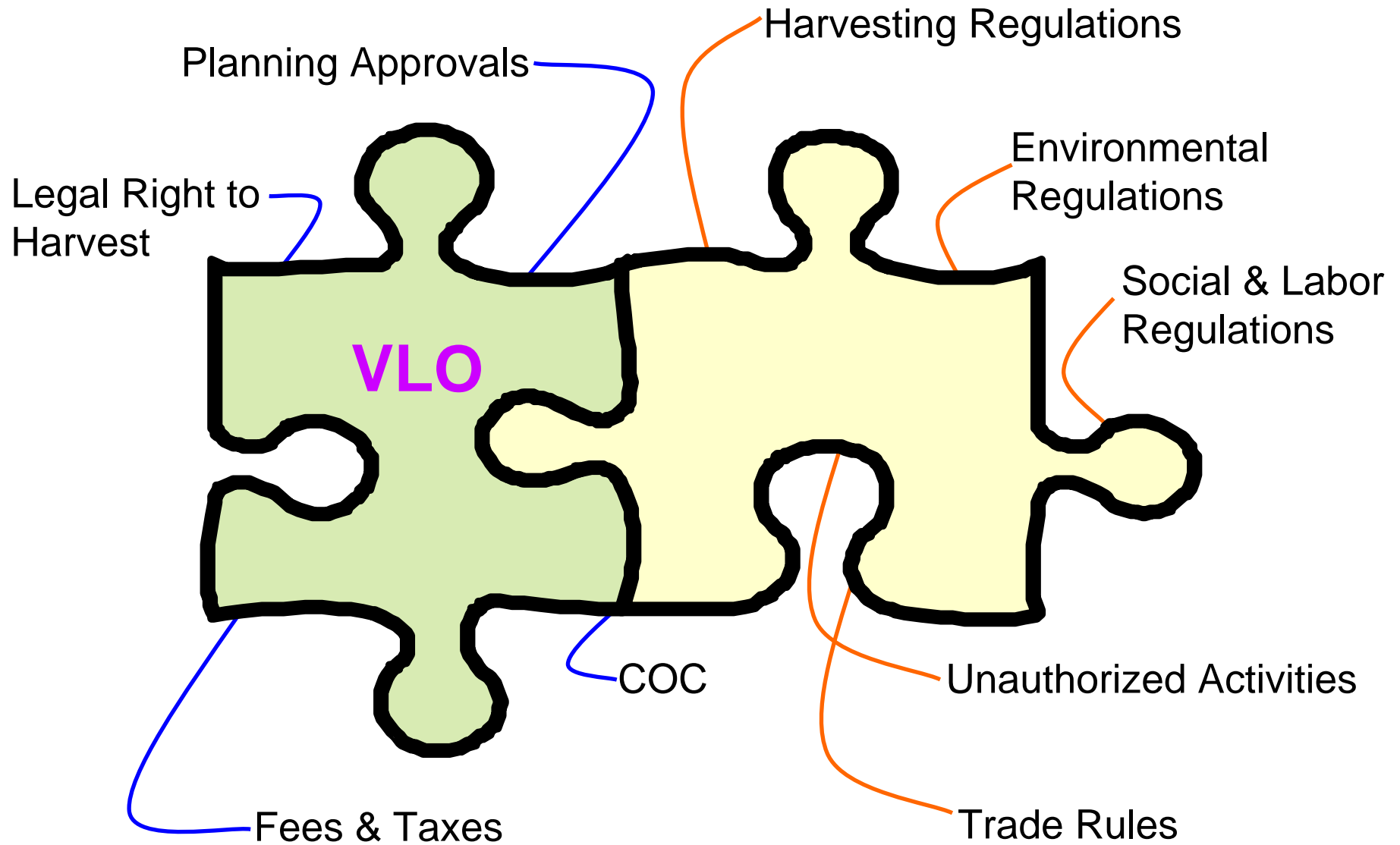


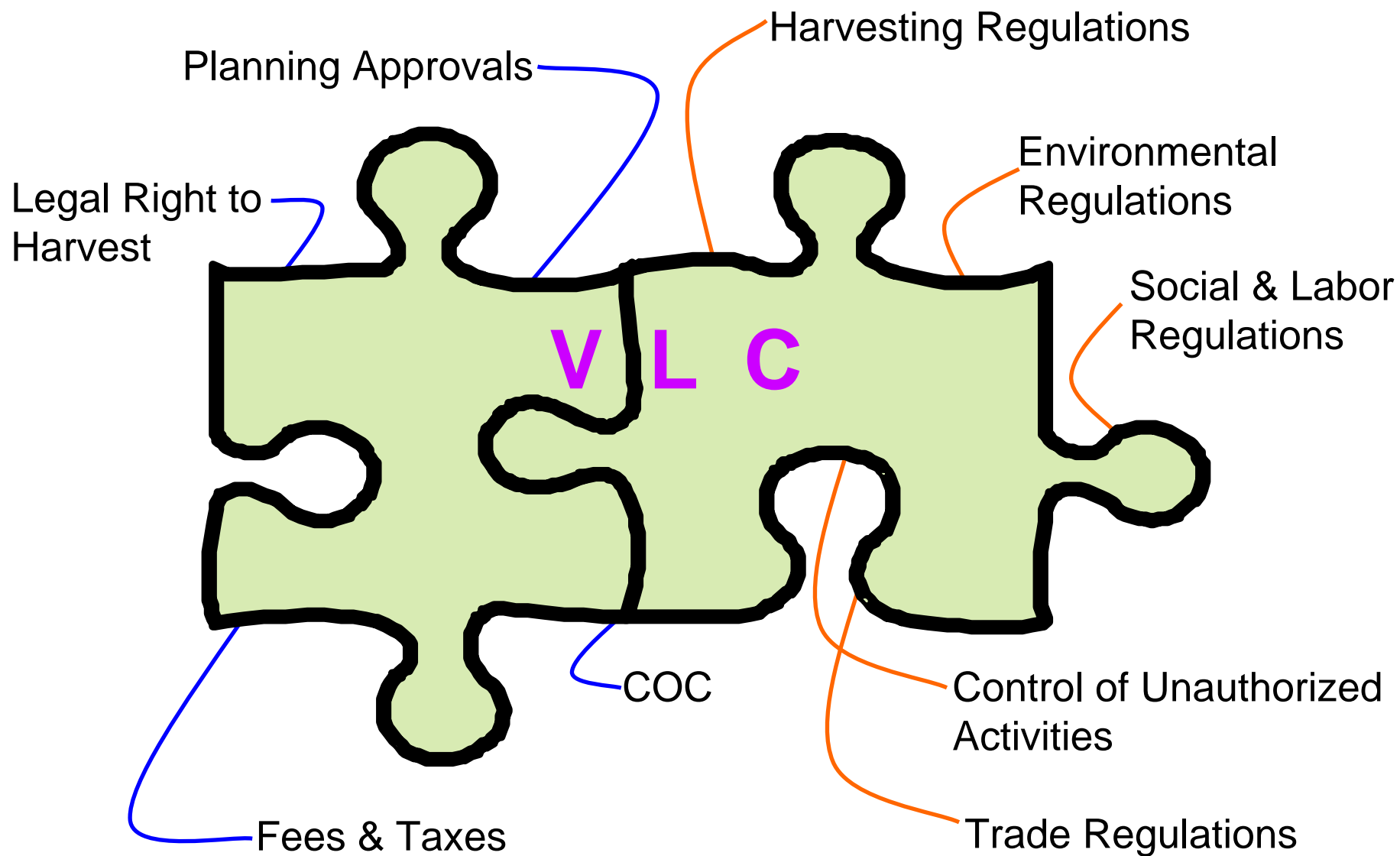
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Legality verification (VLO/VLC) is an important first step towards industry wide transparency.



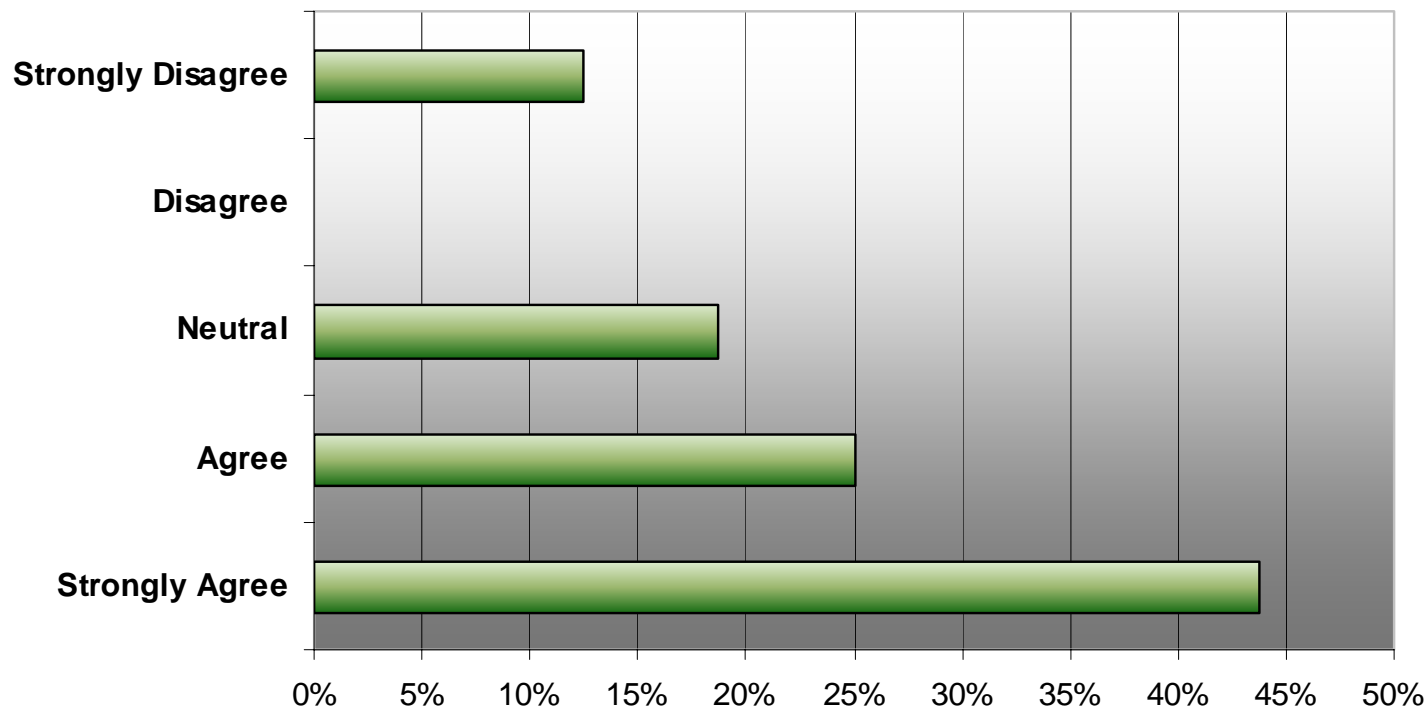






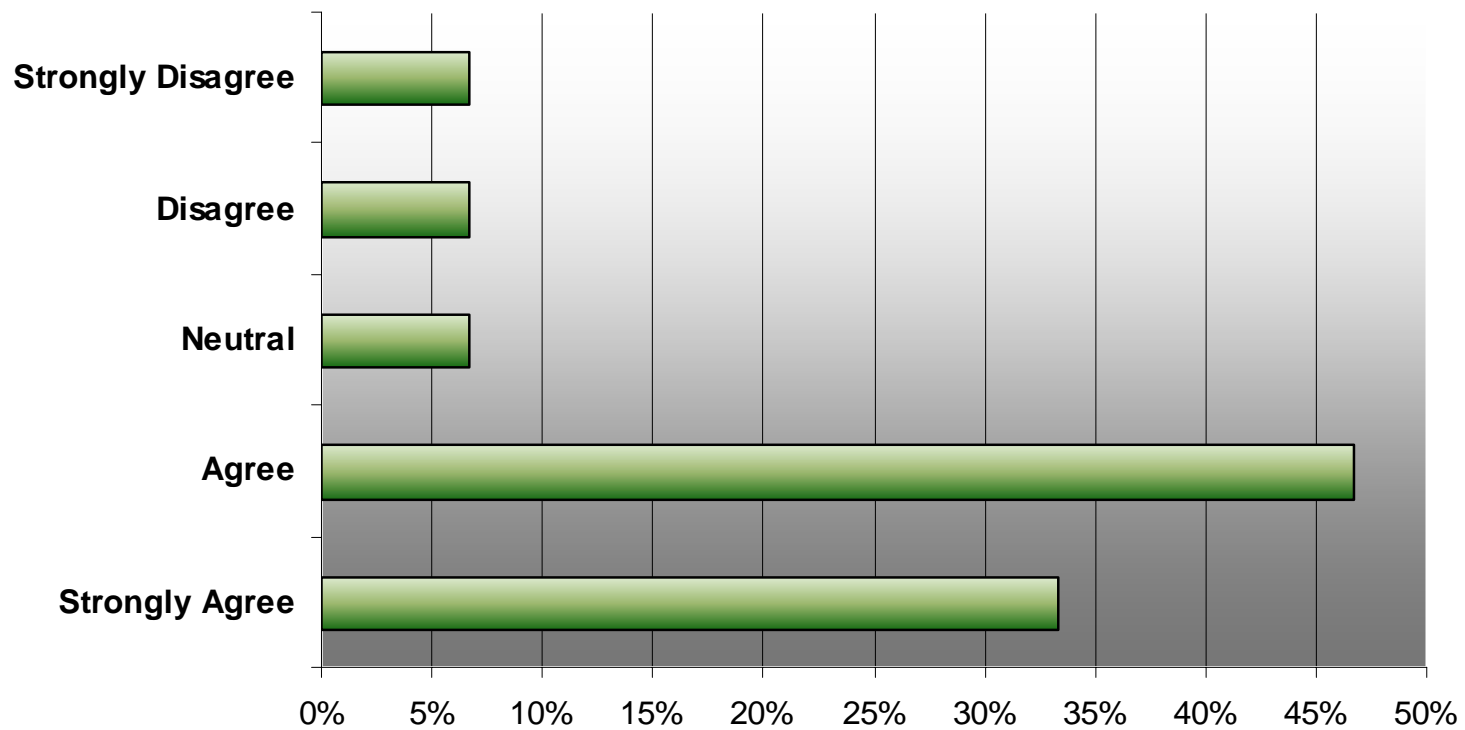
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Legality verification (VLO/VLC) should be linked to a stepwise program of certification.

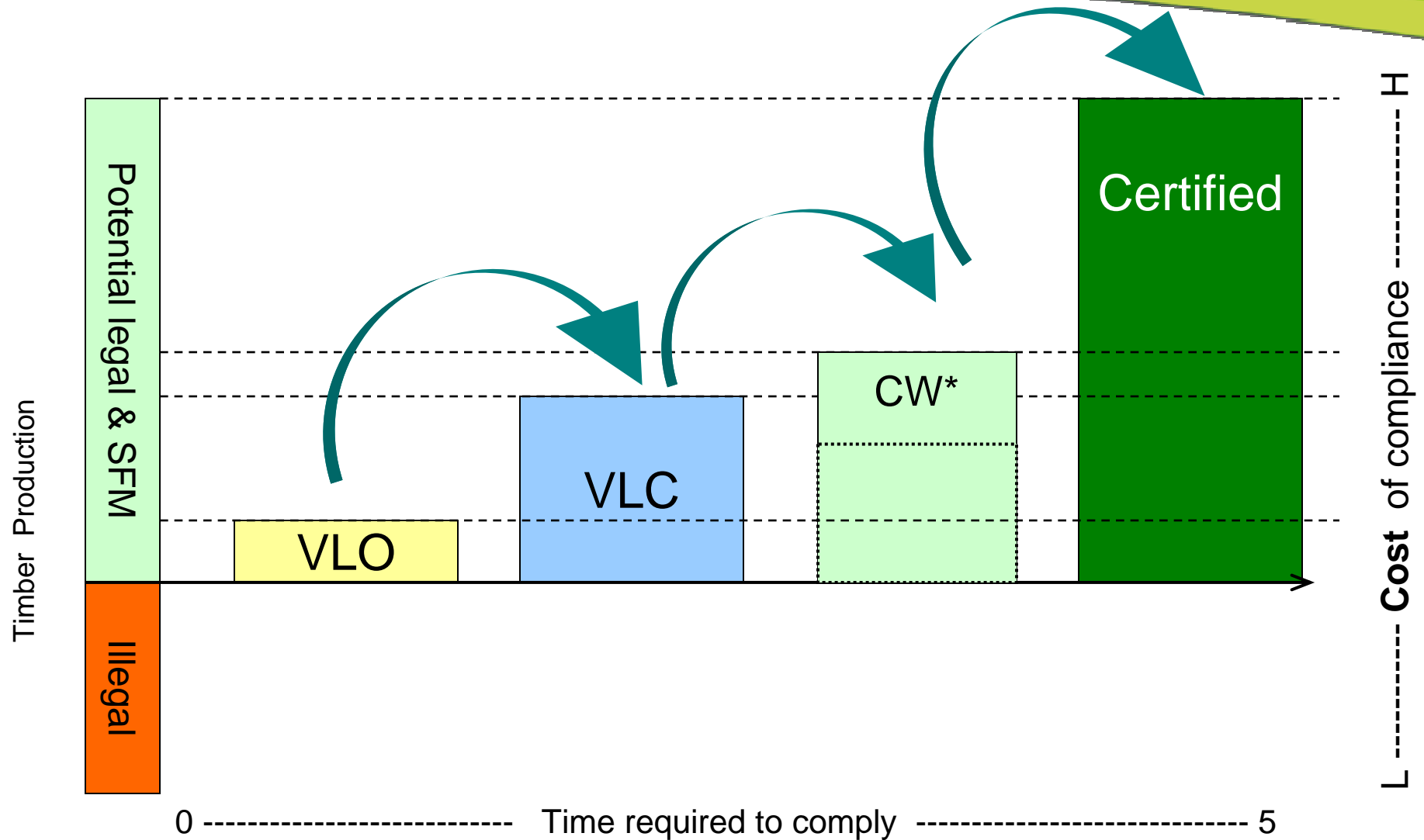


Legality verification should encourage progress

SmartWood should limit the time a company can receive VLO/VLC.



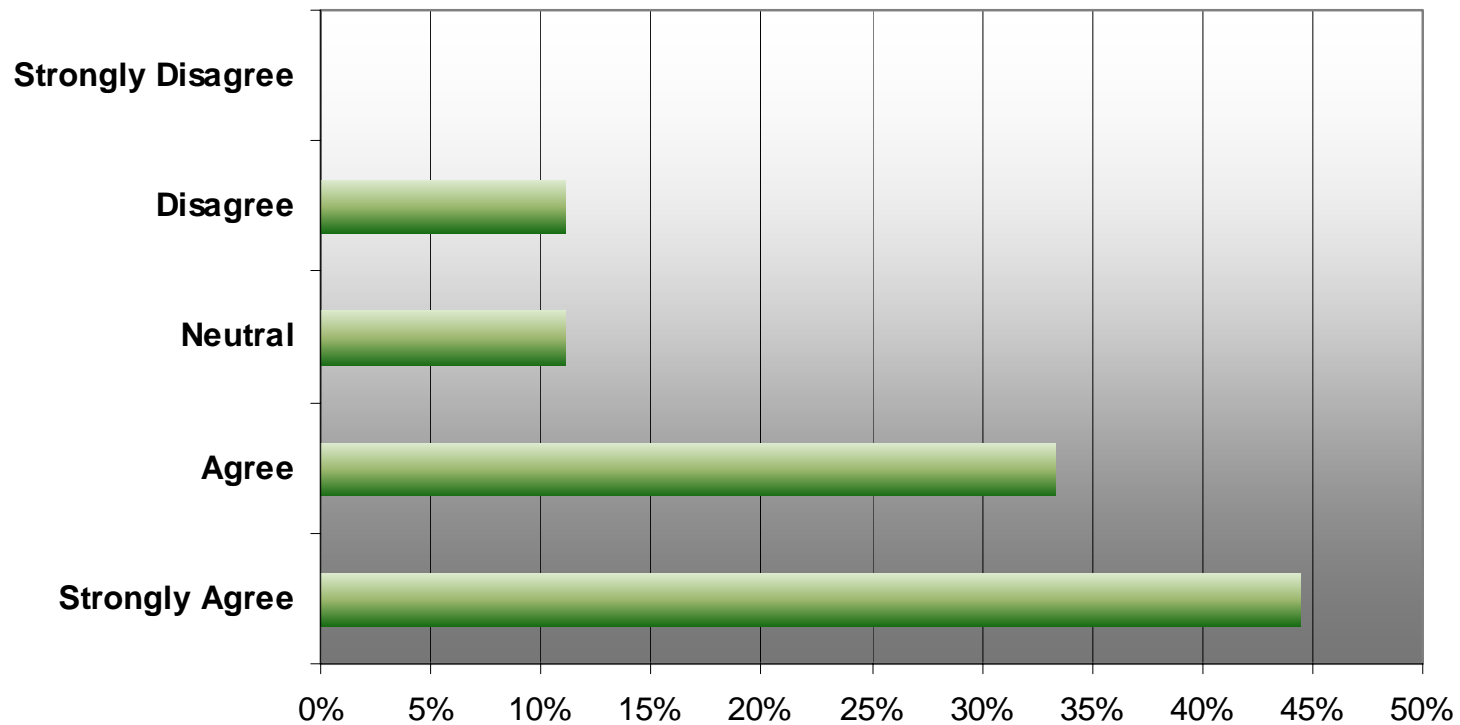
Stepwise from legality to certification













*CW legal requirements may be less than VLC for some jurisdictions

Legality verification shouldn't compete

Logos or claims should only be allowed in approved business communications



-  Robust chain of custody back to harvest site
-  Regular and frequent auditing (including spot checks)
-  Communication and claims strictly controlled
-  Public reporting on performance
-  Recognition of customary rights and law

-  Inclusion of stakeholders in standards development
-  Corruption, poor governance, improperly obtained rights
-  Country specific standards should be developed
-  Agreement on common international legality definition
-  International oversight, accreditation, a single standard

Thank you...



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