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# Australia's illegal logging legislation

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# Taking action on illegal logging

*Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012* – in place since November 2012

*Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment Regulation 2013* – commences  
on 30 November 2014



# Objectives of the laws

- Strike the right balance between doing the right thing and minimising regulatory impact
- Minimise the risk of importing illegally logged timber and processing illegally logged raw logs
- Increased awareness of the source of timber
- Consistency with US and EU legislation

# Regulated timber products

Chapter 44 – wood and articles of wood

Chapter 47 – pulp

Chapter 48 – paper and paperboard

Chapter 94 – furniture

# What is due diligence?



# International consultations

Illegal Logging Stakeholder Working Group

Regional information sessions

Bilateral meetings with key trading partners

APEC Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade  
(EGILAT)

WTO Technical Barriers to Trade notification

# For more information...

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# EU – US and Australian legislation

## Key areas of focus and similarity:

### Prohibition

- Importers , domestic processors and ‘first placers on market’

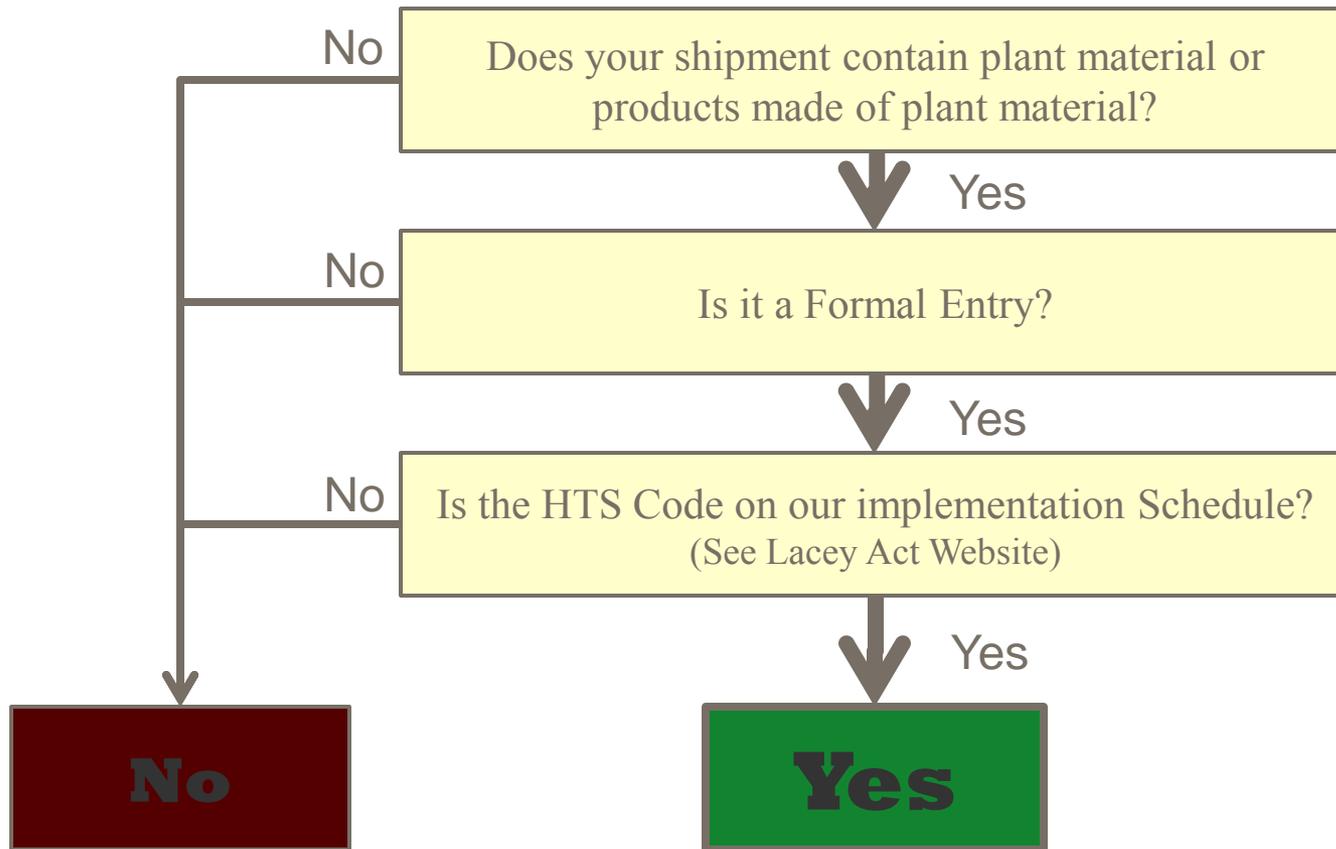
### Obligations

- Information gathering
- Due diligence

### Declarations

### Traceability

# Does my shipment require a Lacey Act Declaration?



# Implementation in practice

## Compliance programs

- Type of checks and assessment standards
- Differing levels of intervention
- Compliance strategies?

## Education, outreach and messaging

- Reaching the regulated community
- Targeting those not engaged?

## Implementation

- Issues
- What worked

# On-going implementation:

Role of customs organisations

Key function of documentation

Structure of regulatory responses

Capitalise on knowledge base

Potential challenges