Dealing with Illegal Logging in the Practice and Developing a Responsible Procurement Policy on Timber Products

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Basics to develop a RPP to address legality:

- Know where your products come from (traceability)
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- Make sure nobody tricks you!

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Why?

- Show business leadership,
- Keep customers happy.

The market is asking to keep forest products legal, sustainable, and to supply certain information

Responsible Procurement Policies are a way to address these requests.

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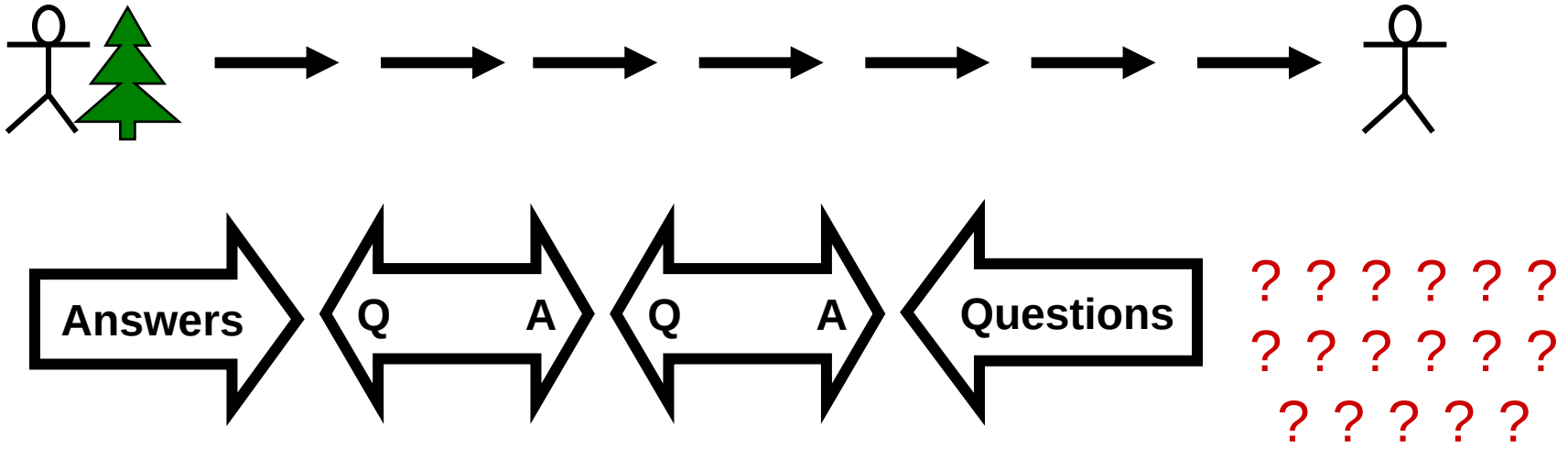

- How to evaluate your supply chain:
  - Questionnaires, databases
  - Engage stakeholders
  - Suppliers' procurement policies
  - Contracts and documentation

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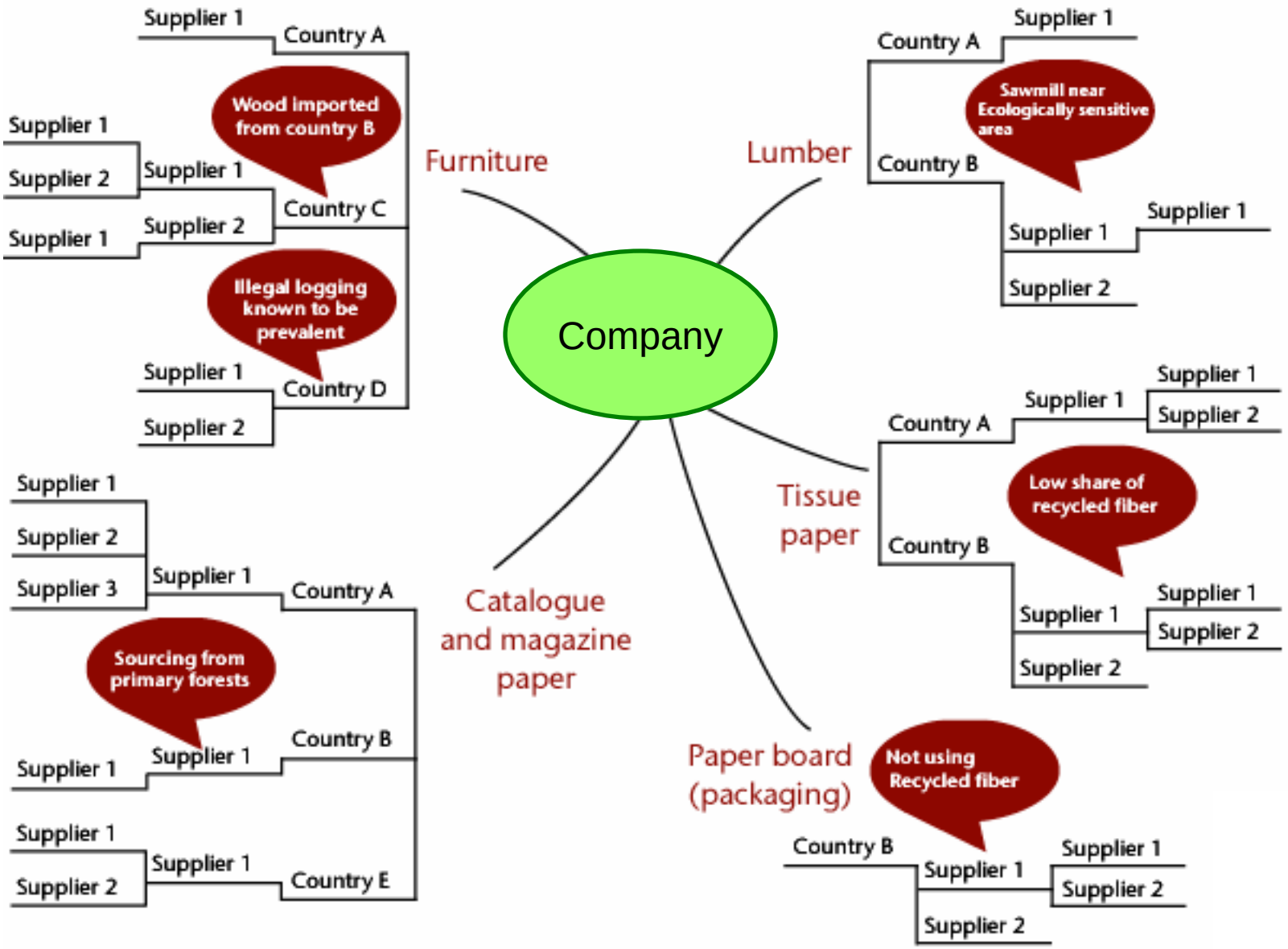

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Know your products

- Species
- Amount/volume of species used
- Place of origin
- Does it come from risk areas/sources

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Make sure nobody tricks you!

- Monitoring and verification throughout the supply chain:
  - Self verification
  - Second party verification
  - Third party verification
- Forest Certification Systems and Environmental Management Systems

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Remember

- Know your products, where they come from, and make sure you're not being tricked!
- Illegal logging:
  - No commonly accepted definition
  - Not a widespread problem
- Simple measures can go a long way
- Help is available

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Table 1. Tools highlighted in this guide

The resources highlighted in this guide can roughly be divided into two categories: requirements for sustainable procurement, and resources to assess requirements.

PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

Private sector initiatives

- Confederation of European Paper Industries' (CEPI) Legal Logging Code of Conduct *(www.cepiprint.ch/environment)*
- Timber Trade Federation Responsible Purchasing Policy *(www.ttfrpp.co.uk)*

Public sector

- Danish Government Procurement Policy for Tropical Forests *(www.2.skovognatur.dk/udgivelser/2003/tropical/)*
- German Government Procurement Policy *(www.bmelv.de)*
- Japanese Government Procurement Policy *(www.env.go.jp/en/)*

Rating systems

- Green Building Initiative's Green Globes Rating System *(www.thegbi.org)*
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)® Green Building Rating System *(www.wsgbc.org/leed/)*

Certification systems

- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Controlled-Wood Standard *(www.fsc.org)*.
- Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Guide for the avoidance of controversial timber *(www.pefc.org)*
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Procurement Objective *(www.sfiprogram.org)*

RESOURCES TO ASSESS REQUIREMENTS

Private sector initiatives

- CEPI Certification Matrix *(www.forestrycertification.info)*
- Paper Profile *(www.paperprofile.com)*
- The report: Public procurement policies for forest products and their impacts *(www.fao.org/forestry/site/trade/en/)*

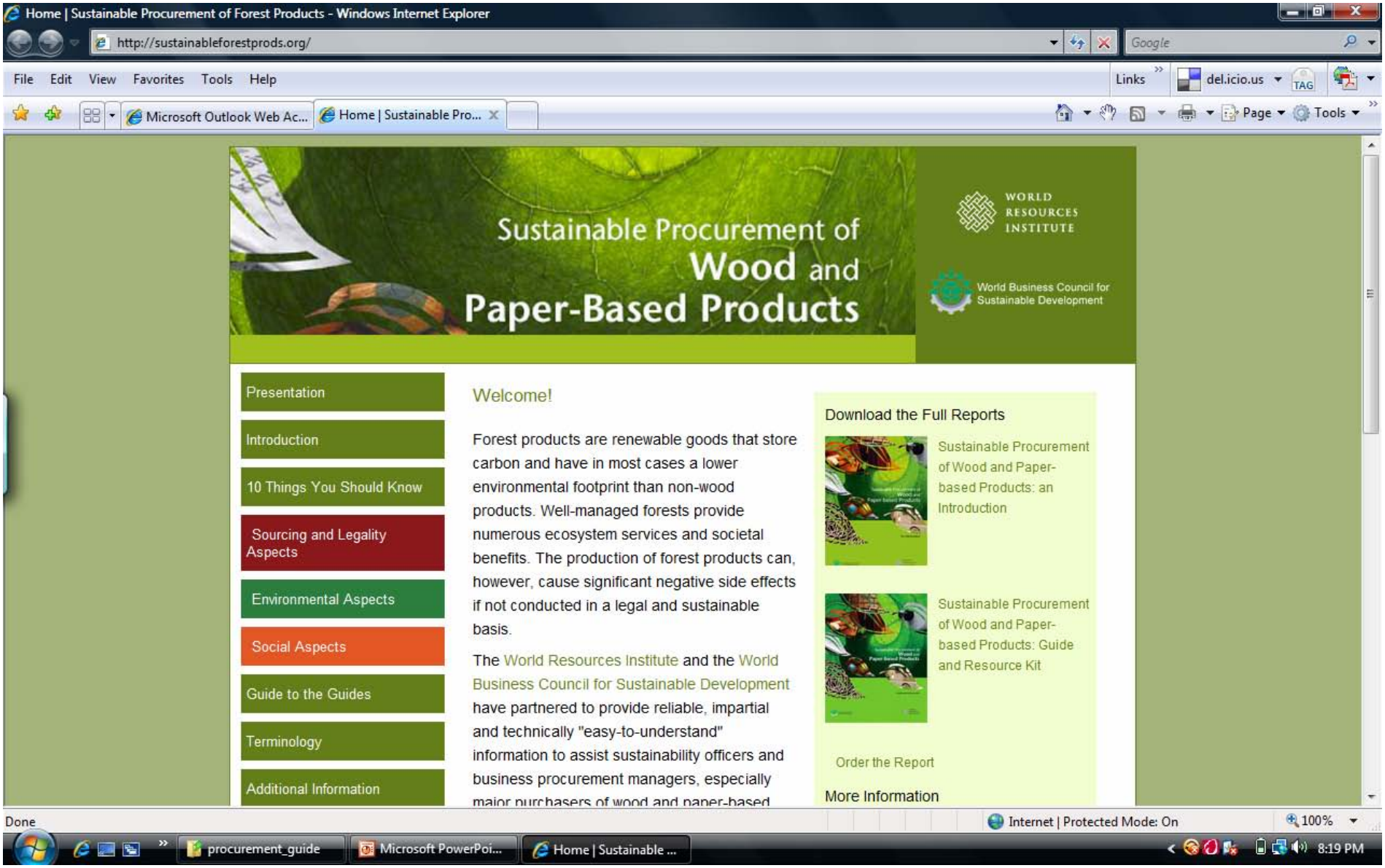
Public sector

- Central Point of Expertise on Timber Procurement (CPET) *(www.proforest.net/cpet)*. CPET is an initiative of the UK central government to assist in the implementation of its procurement policy

Rating systems

- Environmental Paper Assessment Tool® (EPAT) *(www.epat.org)*
- WWF Paper Scorecard *(www.panda.org)*
- WWF Tissue Scoring *(www.panda.org)*

NGO/Other initiatives

- Forest Certification Assessment Guide (FCAG) *(www.worldwildlife.org/alliance)*
- Global Forest and Trade Network (GFTN) *(www.panda.org/forestandtrade)*
- Green Purchasing Network (GPN) *(www.gpn.jp)*
- Tropical Forest Trust's guide: Good Wood. Good Business *(www.tropicalforesttrust.com)*
- wood for good campaign *(www.woodforgood.com)*
- WWF's Guide to buying paper (companion to WWF's Paper Scorecard)

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