



Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange

September 15-18, 2015

UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Building C
 Room C0213 (2nd floor)
 Vienna International Centre
 Wagramer Strasse 5
 A 1400 Vienna, Austria

Background: Since 2012, Forest Trends and Chatham House have been working with officials from EU Member States and US Lacey enforcement agencies, to further understanding of complex high-risk supply chains for wood products and support coordinated implementation of the EU Timber Regulation and US Lacey Act. These two workstreams have merged into a process called the Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange (TREE), an ongoing series of networking and information-sharing meetings, which bring the growing group of officials together every six months.

Objective: The Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange (TREE) process aims to support robust and consistent enforcement of demand-side timber regulations by providing a forum for officials to gain detailed insight into high- and low-risk timber flows entering their countries, discuss practical enforcement issues with each other and relevant experts from the forest sector and other relevant product/environmental sectors, establish emergent norms for Due Diligence/care in relation to different forest products, and build relationships with producer country governments, industry representatives, and other stakeholders involved in combating illegal logging and promoting global markets for legal timber.

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, September 15 – Document Training (C Building, 2 nd Floor, Room C0213 and others)	
12:00	Arrive for security check-point and badge retrieval
12:30	Coffee
13:00 – 14:15	1 st Document Training Session (choose one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russia: <i>Brian Milakovsky, WWF International Consultant</i> • China: <i>Sofia Ryder, Source Responsible</i> • SE Asia (Vietnam, Malaysia, and Indonesia): <i>Mandy Carmody, Quality Solutions, Ltd.</i>
14:15 – 14:45	Coffee
14:45 – 16:00	2 nd Document Training Session (choose one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russia: <i>Brian Milakovsky, WWF International Consultant</i> • China: <i>Sofia Ryder, Source Responsible</i>

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19:30	Gathering at Wein & Co. for drinks Jasomirgottstraße 3-5, 1010 Wien (accessible from U1 – Stephansplatz stop)
Wednesday, September 16 – EUTR in Central and Eastern Europe (C Building, 2nd Floor, Room C0213)	
9:00	Coffee and registration
9:30	Aims and introductions
10:00	European Commission update <i>Speakers: Svetla Atanasova, DG Environment, European Commission</i>
10:15	EUTR implementation and domestic forest legislation <i>Speakers: Natalie Benešová, Department of Forest Policy and Economy, Ministry of Agriculture, Czech Republic // Jan Doubal, Forest Management Institute, Czech Republic</i>
10:45	EUTR in the EU <i>Speakers: Jasmin Putz and Hannes Krehan, Federal Forest Office, Austria</i>
11:15	Coffee
11:45	Production and trade data review and analysis <i>Speakers: Eve Richer, Forest Trends</i> Certification in Central and Eastern Europe <i>Speakers: Dirk Teegelbekkers, PEFC</i>
13:30	Lunch
14:30	Regional illegality risks and EUTR compliance challenges <i>Speakers: Alexander von Bismarck, Environmental Investigation Agency // Diane de Rouvre, ClientEarth</i>
15:30	Coffee
16:00 – 17:00	Closed Government Session
19:45	Group dinner at Zwölf Apostelkeller Sonnenfelsgasse 3, 1010 Vienna
Thursday, September 17 – Furniture sector analysis and due diligence/care (C Building, 2nd Floor, Room C0213)	
9:30	Coffee
10:00	Chinese furniture industry data review and analysis <i>Sofia Ryder, Source Responsible</i>
11:00	Vietnamese furniture industry data review and analysis <i>Phuc Xuan To and Eve Richer, Forest Trends</i>
12:00	Coffee

12:30	Supply chain due care in the U.S. furniture sector <i>Roger Jones, Century Furniture, Inc.</i> EU Timber Regulation from an operator's perspective <i>Niels Madsen, Bettenwelt GmbH</i>
13:30	Lunch
14:30	Furniture sector due diligence/care <i>Speakers: Mandy Carmody, Quality Solutions UK</i>
15:30	Coffee
16:00 – 17:00	Closed government session
Friday, September 18 – Country Updates: Australia and Brazil (C Building, 2nd Floor, Room C0213)	
9:30	Coffee
10:00	Australia: Scope of legislation and implementation plans (TBC) <i>Speakers: Andrew Lieschke and Wayne Terpstra, Dept. of Agriculture, Australia</i>
11:00	Coffee
11:30	Brazil updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Meriam Wortel, Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority, Netherlands</i> • <i>Niels Bølling, Nature Agency, Denmark</i> • <i>Robbie Weich, Tradelink</i> • <i>Pedro Moura Costa, BVRio</i> • <i>Bruno Valente, Federal Public Ministry (MPF), Brazil</i>
14:00	End of workshop and optional group lunch

Workshop location

Vienna International Centre (VIC), Wagramer Strasse 5, A 1400 Vienna, Austria
UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Building C, Room C0213 (2nd floor):

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Entry information

The entrance for participants is located close to the train station 'Kaisermuhlen VIC', and marked "Gate One". Please use the visitor entrance for security screening. After security screening, a member of our team will be standing with a sign and will provide you with your Ground Pass.

Security

Forest Trends will supply VIC with the names of all participants, who will be granted a Grounds Pass for the duration of the meeting. In advance of the meeting, each participant will need to upload a photo for use on the pass (**a web link will be sent to you from the United Nations Security Section on**

September 10 or 11). Please arrive 30-45 minutes early on your first day in order to collect your pass. We suggest arriving early on other days as well in case there is a queue at the x-ray machines. The entrance is at Gate 1. Please remember to bring a photo ID (passport, driver's license, or national identity card).

