

Communicating about FLEGT licences

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1. What is a FLEGT
licence?

FLEGT licence

- A FLEGT licence is a document that confirms that timber or timber products fully comply with relevant laws of the country of export.
- FLEGT licensed timber products comply with the requirements of the EUTR.
- Operators in the EU do not need to undertake further due diligence on FLEGT licensed timber.

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EU buyers welcome Indonesia's licenses

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There are in Indonesian-EU trade will begin in just a few weeks as Indonesia becomes the first country in the world to have timber products — from those made to furniture — recognized by the EU's new timber legality system.

In forest nations like Indonesia, legal logging has long depended on the government's tax revenue. Illegal logging, however, has caused deforestation, undermined livelihoods, and threatened biodiversity. Indonesia and several other nations have made efforts to curb illegal logging, but the EU has been reluctant to trade with them until they can prove their timber is legal.

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Until now, doing so has been a costly and time-consuming process. Now, if Indonesia is only the first of many nations to get EUTL certification, EU buyers will be able to trade with them without the need for costly and time-consuming verification.

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ASEAN Summit for economic

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BUSINESS NEWS

China Refiner Reaches Out

By James W. Wu

SINGAPORE—One of China's largest independent refiners is reaching out to foreign companies to help build plants and upgrade ports to ease its access to oil, the refiner says.

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A Chinaland refinery in Shandong province. The company says it is open to establishing joint ventures with foreign partners.

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By David I. Sacks

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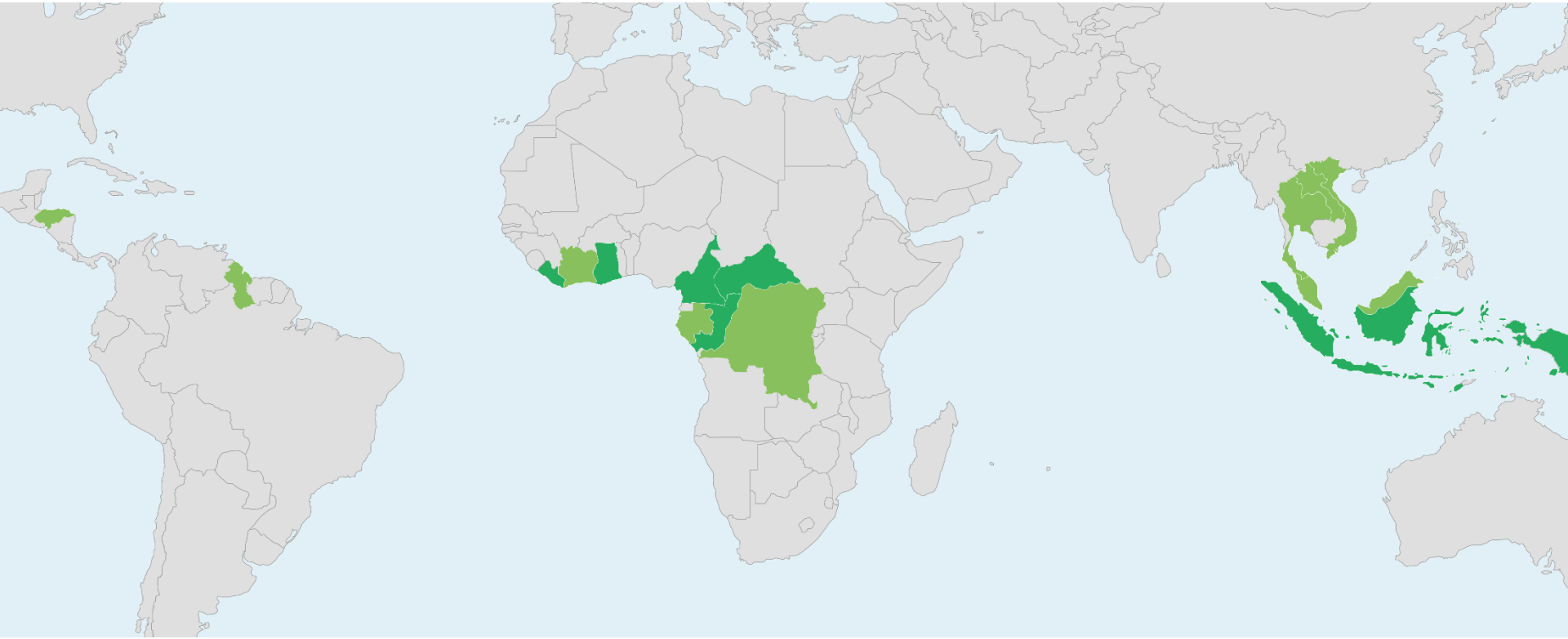
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2. What is FLEGT?

EU FLEGT Action Plan

- Address illegal logging and foster good forest governance
- Combines supply and demand measures
- EU Timber Regulation
- VPAs

There are 15 VPA countries



■ Implementing

Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ghana, Indonesia, Liberia, Republic of the Congo

- Negotiating

Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic
Republic of the Congo, Gabon,
Guyana, Honduras, Laos,
Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam

FLEGT Regulation versus EUTR

- Under the EUTR, FLEGT licensed timber requires no further due diligence
- FLEGT Competent Authorities are the authorities in EU Member States responsible for verifying FLEGT licences, as set out in the FLEGT Regulation
- The FLEGT regulation provides for its own tools for FLEGT CAs to exercise additional verification on FLEGT licences
- The VPA has its own third party monitoring and independent evaluation measures in place

3. What tools are available
for learning and
communicating about
FLEGT licences?

FLEGT.org

www.flegt.org



Combating illegal logging
through forest law enforcement, governance and trade

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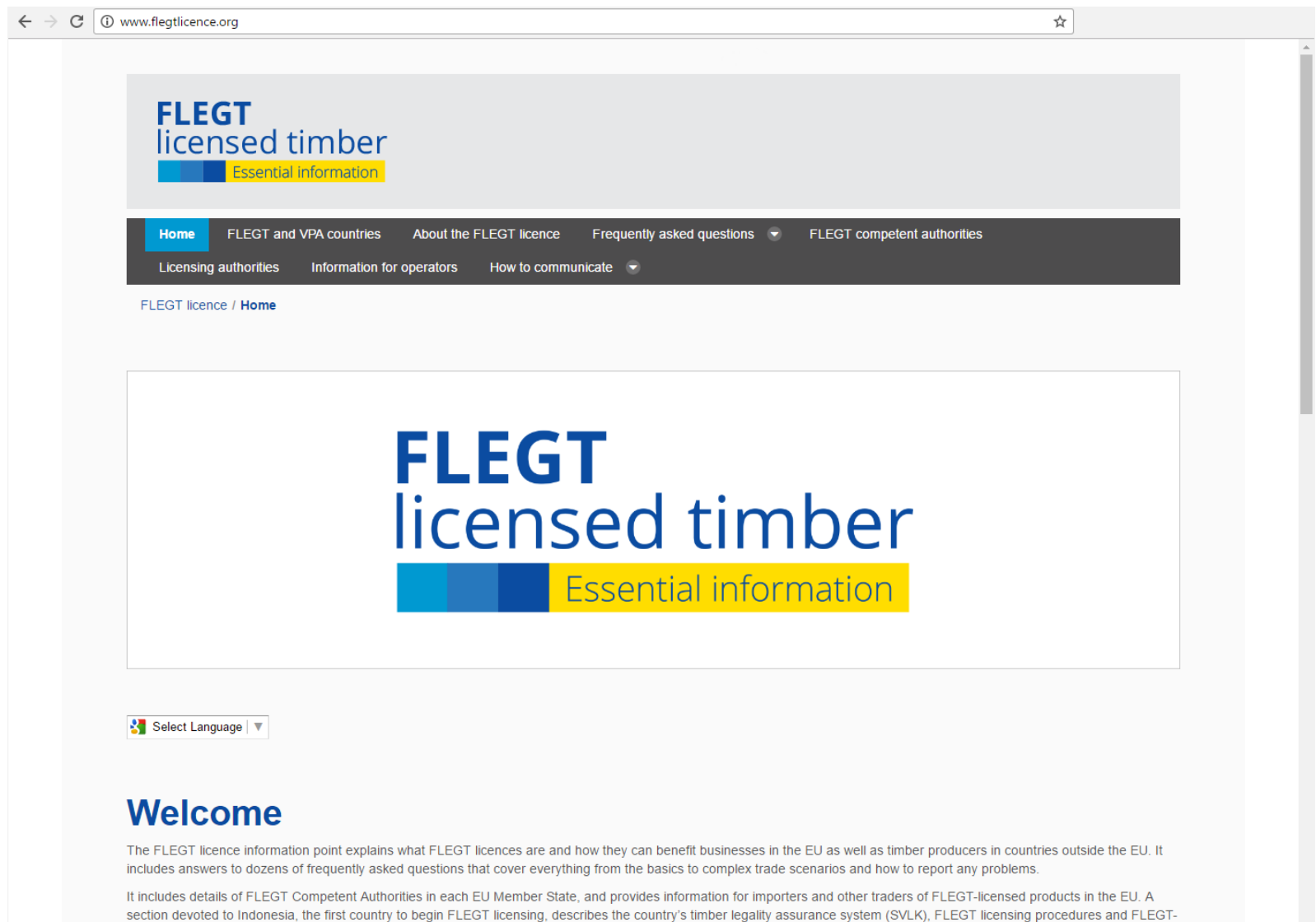
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FLEGT licence information point



The screenshot shows the homepage of the FLEGT licensed timber website. The browser address bar displays 'www.flegtlicence.org'. The page features a header with the FLEGT logo and 'licensed timber' text, followed by a navigation menu with links like 'Home', 'FLEGT and VPA countries', and 'About the FLEGT licence'. A large central banner repeats the FLEGT logo and 'licensed timber' text. Below this is a 'Select Language' dropdown menu. The main content area begins with a 'Welcome' heading and introductory text about the FLEGT licence information point.

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Welcome

The FLEGT licence information point explains what FLEGT licences are and how they can benefit businesses in the EU as well as timber producers in countries outside the EU. It includes answers to dozens of frequently asked questions that cover everything from the basics to complex trade scenarios and how to report any problems.

It includes details of FLEGT Competent Authorities in each EU Member State, and provides information for importers and other traders of FLEGT-licensed products in the EU. A section devoted to Indonesia, the first country to begin FLEGT licensing, describes the country's timber legality assurance system (SVLK), FLEGT licensing procedures and FLEGT-

Factsheet and PowerPoint

Factsheet

FLEGT licensed timber

Essential information

This factsheet provides an overview of key information about FLEGT licences and FLEGT-licensed timber. For more detail, visit the FLEGT Licence Information Point, which includes answers to dozens of frequently asked questions (see: www.flegtlicence.org).

FLEGT licensed products meet the due diligence requirements of EU Timber Regulation

The EU Timber Regulation (EUTR) requires operators, defined as any natural or legal person that places timber or timber products on the EU market, to exercise due diligence when placing timber or timber products on the market. To exercise due diligence means to undertake a risk management exercise so as to minimise the risk of placing illegally harvested timber, or timber products containing illegally harvested timber, on the EU market.

FLEGT-licensed timber and timber products are considered to comply with the requirements of the EUTR. Therefore, if you are an operator you can place FLEGT licensed products on the market without the obligation of exercising due diligence, thus saving relevant time and work, and making your business more efficient.

FLEGT-licensed timber is verified as legal

A FLEGT licence is a document that confirms that a shipment of timber or timber products has been legally produced, in accordance with the laws of the country of harvest. FLEGT licences can only be issued by countries that have ratified a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) with the EU. An annex in each VPA lists the products the country's FLEGT licensing scheme covers.

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FLEGT stands for Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade.

In 2003, the EU adopted the EU FLEGT Action Plan to address illegal logging and associated trade.

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