Newly Revised Forest Law and CTWPDA’s Work on Timber Legality Issue

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Main changes in newly revised Forest Law

- Mainly focus on forest resources and its management, not timber processing.
  
  Most of the contents are about:
  
  - Forest tenure (the right to use forest resources could be transferred, rent out or contracted)
  - Forestry development planning
  - Forest protection
  - Afforestation (including promoting public participation in afforestation)
  - Forest operation and management
Main changes in newly revised Forest Law

- Loosen administrative control.
  - the approval of harvest quotas
  - For the first time, the law involves in legality issue.
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  - Forest certification
  - Prohibition of the purchase, processing and transport of illegal sourced timber
- At current, no importance changes happen to timber manufacture, and waiting for the issuance of Implementation Regulation of Forest Law.
CTWPDA’s work on timber legality issue

- **Purpose:** promote legal timber trade between China and Africa
- **Targeted countries:** Gabon, Cameroon, The Republic of Congo, Liberia
- **Cooperator:** InFIT, ATIBT, CAF, TRAFFIC
- **Steps:**
  - Making national timber legality document list;
  - Cooperating with local timber association to select suppliers who could provide all the document required in the above item;
  - Promoting suppliers who meet requirements and making business matching with Chinese timber companies.
CTWPDA’s work on timber legality issue

- Helps we need:
  - Producers in Cameroon, the Republic of Congo and Liberia;
  - Timber resources, trade information and regulations in the above four countries.

- Next steps:
  - Connect with more timber associations in Africa to promote legal timber trade in large scale;
  - Translate the website of timber trade portal into Chinese.
Thanks for your listening!

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