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TIMBER TRADE

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The Timber Trade Portal needs continuous updating and support

A unique and relevant platform, allowing people to consult precise and reliable information on laws and regulations for legal trade of timber in producer countries.

Objectives

- Improve access to country specific information, creation of a level playing field
- Enable operators to make their own risk analysis and exercise due diligence, on a case-by-case basis, by giving factual information
- Encourage individual accountability of European Union operators, including traders

Origin

Against the light of the European Timber Regulation (EUTR) that requires importers to operate a Due Diligence System which should ensure that illegally harvested timber is eliminated from the supply chain, and in order to facilitate sustainable timber trade between EU countries and timber producing countries, since 2016 Form International is coordinator and implementor of the Timber Trade Portal.

Launched originally as an European Timber Trade Federation (ETTF) project and currently jointly owned by the ETTF and the Association Technique Internationale des Bois Tropicaux (ATIBT) this web portal is a 'one-stop' information point on timber industry and legality information.

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- The International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)
- European Sustainable Tropical Timber Coalition (STTC)
- French Fund for the World Environment (FFEM)
- European Union (EU)



23 country profiles

The portal is meant to provide specific answers to the numerous questions timber traders have when it comes to legal timber trade, due diligence, country requirements and export. It serves as a

central information point, where visitors can find country profiles on both timber industry and legislation of timber producer countries, mainly located in tropical Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The content of a country profile exists of the following elements:

- Forest resources and structure of forestry sector
- Production and export, production and trade data
- Legislative framework, laws and regulations
- Key documents required to trade legally
- Timber species bans & quota
- CITES and protected species
- National action on timber legality verification (e.g. VPA)
- Third party certification
- Contacts and local information network (country specific)

Resources - more information on:

- The EU Timber Regulation (EUTR)
- US Lacey Act
- Other Regulations
- Certification as a tool in due diligence:
 - FSC
 - PEFC
 - OLB (Bureau Veritas)
 - LegalSource (Nepcon)
 - TLV (Control Union)
 - Legal Harvest (SCS)
 - CertiSource

Form International

Form International is a forest management and services company that delivers a range of technical and financial services to clients worldwide and manages forest assets in Africa for clients. The firm started in 1992 advising and undertaking short and long term programmes in the global forestry and timber trade sectors with services related to sustainable forest management of natural forests, forest certification (FSC, PEFC, legal compliance), timber trade, reforestation, agroforestry, forestry investments, plantation forestry, agroforestry and forest landscape restoration. Today, the firm is active both as an advisor in the forest, timber and certification sector and as provider of technical assistance to forest asset owners. In 2016, Form International launched the Timber Trade Portal website and has been the website manager since. More information www.forminternational.nl



Form International's role

Form International's role has been to construct and maintain this website. Desk study and expert-inputs from timber exporting countries resulted in 23 country profiles that are updated regularly with our team of international and local experts covering all these countries. Expert review and the strict orientation towards unbiased factual information guarantees that information presented on the portal is independent, factual, and assures quality information, relevant for timber traders, both exporters and importers. The website has a range of 2500 unique visitors every month mainly from USA, India, Australia, Malaysia, Germany, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Ghana.



Co-funding

Form International is looking for additional funding to cover costs of national reviewers, maintaining a network of national reviewers, cross checking of information sources, producing updates, uploads and translations. We present ourself to parties that have interest in periodic or specific market updates and legality and trade related information on the world's major timber producing countries. We are well equipped to deliver specific studies or reports in the scope of timber legality and trade covering the portal countries or even beyond. With the Timber Trade Portal we offer value through a strong knowledge platform backed by the global expert team of FI and with deep knowledge and experience, and with an extensive network in the industry through amongst others the ETTF and ATIBT membership base which spans European and non-European actors in the international timber trade and import promotion.

Multilingual website

The portal will be developing in the coming period. Soon the English website will also be available in French. It is anticipated to further develop the portal in the next months by making it available for a wider audience, especially in Asian countries, including China (with translation to the Chinese language), and we plan to expand the number of covered countries from 23 to 31 countries, including Japan, Philippines, Thailand and Turkey.



Interested parties are invited to contact **Form International** to discuss customized solutions in line with your institutional objectives and your target group needs:

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