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Welcome to the 16th Edition of the TTAP Newsletter!

News from the new Due Dilligence regulation for the EU, an extension for TTAP 2 and news from a VLO plywood supply chain, there is plenty to read in this edition!

Whether you are a Timber Trade Federation member, TTAP partner or interested stakeholder, we hope TTAP News will be a useful resource for you. Please feel free to share this newsletter with your colleagues.

Enjoy reading!

The TTAP Team

TTAP is an EC funded project, managed by The Forest Trust (TFT) and co-funded by European Timber Trade Federations and their members.

The project aims to assist wood suppliers in TTAP focus countries produce third party legally verified timber. We currently advise and provide technical support to timber companies based in Asia, Africa, and South America.

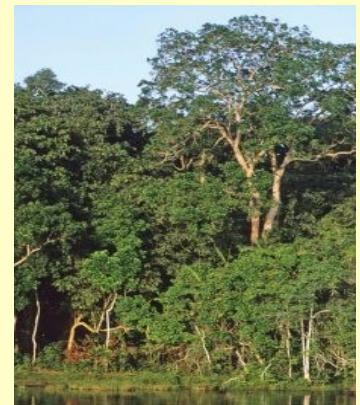
We are also engaged in FLEGT discussions in Europe and TTAP focus countries.

New EU Timber Regulation

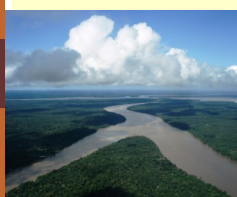
After almost a decade of campaigning against illegal logging by environmentalists, the European Parliament, EU Member States and the European Commission concluded negotiations on 16 June 2010 to ban the sale of illegal timber in the EU from 2012.

Member states now have 27 months to implement the agreement in their national laws.

http://www.illegal-logging.info/item_single.php?it_id=4626&it=news



EC approves 18-month extension of TTAP 2



TFT is happy to announce that the EC has approved an 18-month extension of TTAP 2 that will take project activities to June 2013.

Since TTAP's inception, progress had been affected by a variety of external issues that justified the request for extension. External market conditions had hampered project activities over the recent past as the world financial crisis severely affected companies to work with TTAP. In a situation of uncertainty where many companies in China and Brazil were going out of business, European TTF members were not willing to invest in their supply chains.

In addition, the prolonged negotiations of the EU Due Diligence Regulation has held back the project as a single clear message to the market was lacking from regulators. However, the context has now changed with the European

Parliament voting overwhelmingly in favour of the new timber regulation in June.

TFT views this as a significant change in the illegal logging debate in Europe as buyers are now obliged to implement due diligence systems in preparation of the entry into force of the legislation in two years' time.

TTAP 2 assists members of EU TTFs to demonstrate that timber originating from the focus countries (China, Brazil, Guyana, Bolivia and Suriname) is legal through third-party verification.

TTAP 1 will continue to prepare producers in Africa (Cameroon, Congo-Brazzaville and Gabon) and South East Asia (Indonesia and Malaysia) for legality verification by its deadline of December 2011.

TFT encourages any EU buyer that is interested in maintaining open business and trade links to engage in the project. For more information on TTAP, please contact tmap@tft-forests.org.

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Jiangsu Saintry Bancom Co. Ltd. Supply Chain Legally Verified – first VLO plywood out of China

A Chinese factory has for the first time produced plywood whose origins have been verified as legal by smartwood against their VLO standards. This is the result of TFT's partnership with Premier Forest Products Ltd. and cooperation with its supplier Jiangsu Saintry Bancom Ltd., a group of Chinese poplar farmers, and Sabah Forest Industries, a Malaysian timber producer and forest concession owner.

This represents a step forward in

demonstrating that composite products such as plywood, which are often produced with multiple species from a myriad of sources, can achieve legality verification. The sheets of poplar and hardwood panels will roll off the factory floor at Jiangsu Saintry Bancom in Hongze County and be shipped to the UK this month.

The achievement was the result of technical assistance from TFT through the TTAP project and sup-

ported by Premier Forest Products, a member of the UK Timber Trade Federation, and Jiangsu Saintry Bancom.



http://tft-forests.org/documents/uploads/June_10_TFT_First_Ever_Legal_Plywood_from_China.pdf

Italian company ALPI retains OLB certification and takes further steps towards forest management excellence



The ALPI group took another step towards achieving its goal of excellence in forestry management by passing a surveillance audit in May to retain its OLB Certificate (Origin and Legality of Timber).

In addition, the ALPI group also showed this commitment by undertaking an FSC gap assessment of its concessions and factories in Cameroon. The information is then used by TFT to draw up an action plan that will orientate certification activities to bridge those gaps and prepare the group for FSC certification.

ALPI retains OLB (Origin and Legality of Timber) certification

The OLB certificate, granted by

Bureau Veritas Certification in June 2009, and reached with TFT's assistance, is for its forest management and transformation operations in Cameroon.

The successful results of the audit for OLB certification means ALPI can continue to guarantee the geographic origin of its timber and the legality of the forest operations and transformation in the area. The certification also brings an independent guarantee of legality with EU-FLEGT or the U.S. Lacey Act.

ALPI Group takes further steps towards forest management excellence

The 12-day assessment was carried out in May by staff from TFT Cameroon and covered ALPI forest concessions and factories in Douala and the east of Cameroon. The aim of the assessment was to identify

the gaps between Alpi's present performance and that required to achieve FSC certification.

The TFT evaluation was closely followed by an FSC pre-audit carried out by Bureau Veritas at the same time as the successful surveillance audit for OLB certification. The pre-audit gives a precise photo shot from an accredited auditor of ALPI's extensive activities with regard to the FSC Principles, Criteria and Indicators.

The combined information from the Bureau Veritas pre-audit and the TFT evaluation will help ALPI to move forward its certification programme and marks yet another step for the Italian timber producer not only to achieve forest management excellence but also to deliver responsible products to its customers.

ITTFD - Maintaining the momentum – marketing legal and sustainable timber

This year's International Timber Trade Federation Day (ITTFD) will provide a forum for discussion and present ideas and initiatives on improving the marketing of legal and sustainable timber in order to increase its visibility, to highlight its value added and boost its market demand.

The event will take place on 6-8 October 2010 in Geneva.

Results of last year's ITTFD and ongoing debate in the timber industry show that once consumers, planning architects, engineers and building specifiers understand the difference between legal and illegal timber, they are more likely to source the right product.

Certified timber must also be given fair credit in sustainability standards in other sectors such as construction, to avoid alternative materials

like concrete and steel being rated as more sustainable than timber. Only by promoting and boosting the demand and market for responsible timber will producers see the benefits of legal and sustainable forest management and commit to it.

www.tft-forests.org/ttap/page.asp?p=6232

A new Code of Conduct for the European timber trade

In 2005, FEBO was one of the first timber sector associations to adopt an ecological code of conduct. This code of conduct has now been updated and adapted to recent market developments. The current, trilingual edition was passed unanimously by members at the FEBO AGM in Helsinki.

Member federations and their member companies renew their pledge to procure timber and timber products only from legal and sustainably managed forests.

They expressly support EU Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPAs) with timber producing countries, which require legality verification for all harvested timber. FEBO also welcomes the EU's intention to stop imports of illegally-sourced timber and timber products, and considers the use of due diligence in the planned EU legislation an effective risk-reducing instrument.

UK TTF launches final set of country guidance documents

The final set of UK Timber Trade Federation's Country Guidance documents have now been published and are available for UK TTF members on www.ttf.co.uk.

The publications support members who have signed up to the Responsible Purchasing Policy (RPP) fulfil the TTF Due Diligence Commitment. The Country Guidance documents, which cover 27 of the top 30 timber exporters to the UK, have been developed using information from national governments, trade bodies and NGOs.

John White appointed FEBO President

John White, Chief Executive of the UK Timber Trade Federation, has been appointed as the new President of the European Timber Trade Association (FEBO) after having filled the role of Vice-President since August 2008.

White, who was confirmed as the new President at the FEBO AGM in Helsinki in June, will commence his term in office in January 2011.

Speaking about the appointment, Martin Gale, President of the UK Timber Trade Federation, said:

"John's appointment recognises the important role the TTF takes in Europe. The UK TTF team did an excellent job in helping to facilitate the recent due diligence legislation through the European Parliament and John's appointment will help ensure that the UK remains at the heart of the European trade's engagement with European politicians, civil servants and stakeholders."



Photo from:
http://www.ttf.co.uk/About_TTF/Our_Staff.aspx

New Chatham House report out! Illegal logging down 22%

Illegal Logging and Related Trade-Indicators of the Global Response

The most thorough assessment to date of the global fight against illegal logging finds that a decade of international effort to tackle the problem is having a dramatic and beneficial effect both on forest dependent communities and on the global climate. Helping companies and communities deliver responsible products, TTF is pleased to see its work is part of the results reported here.



Download the report on the Chatham House website.

<http://www.chathamhouse.org/publications/papers/view/-/id/911/>

The Dutch Timber Trade Association reports an upward trend for the import of sustainably produced timber in 2009

Against the backdrop of an exceptionally difficult 2009, with dramatically lower turnover and the loss of jobs, members of the Royal Netherlands Timber Trade Association (NTTA) have managed to sustain a rising trend in sustainable imports.

In 2009, 62% of total NTTA imports consisted of certified timber. This compares with 58% of total NTTA imports in 2008 and 42% in 2007.

Despite the sufficient availability of sustainably produced FSC and PEFC timber on the Dutch market, overall demand for these products was lower than expected during the same period.

http://tft-forests.org/documents/uploads/Aug_10_TTAP_NL_16_NTTA.pdf

Events

**XXIII IUFRO (International Union of Forest Research Organisations)
World Congress: "Forests for the Future: Sustaining and the Environment"**
August 23 - 28, 2010, Seoul, South Korea <http://www.iufro2010.com/index.asp>

The 3rd International Conference on Forests, Markets, Policy & Practice
Sept 7-8, 2010, Beijing, China <http://responsiblemarkets.org/>

UNECE Timber Committee Market Discussions and Policy Forum
11-15 October, Geneva, Switzerland <http://timber.unece.org/index.php?id=302>

International Timber Trade Federation Day (ITTFD)
"Maintaining the momentum – marketing legal and sustainable timber"
6-8 October 2010, Geneva, Switzerland.
<http://www.tft-forests.org/ttap/page.asp?p=6232>

MTC Global WoodMart: 19-20 October 2010, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
<http://www.globalwoodmart.my/index.html>

For more events: see <http://www.illegal-logging.info/>



New TTAP website !

The TTAP website is now hosted within TFT' website.

Visit at www.tft-forests.org/ttap/

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