



Understanding the Australian Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation & Timber Due Diligence – Training Seminars

From 30th November 2014 importers of most timber, pulp, paper and wood furniture products into Australia will have to comply with the Australian Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation. This Regulation sets out the due diligence requirements for importers to minimise the risk that the products they want to import are wholly or partly derived from illegally harvested wood.

This one-day training seminar will arm participants with a solid understanding of the Regulation and how they can comply. It will use real world examples and cover a number of commonly asked questions including; Which goods are regulated? Can goods be held at the port? What is likely to happen after 30 November? What is the role of certification and 3rd party legality assurance? What evidence is acceptable?

Participants will also be taken through freely available industry due diligence guidance, tools and templates which can be adapted for existing business systems or used to build stand alone due diligence procedures and practices. Learn how to compile sufficient supplier and product information, assess risk, validate evidence and, if needed, make decisions on acceptable risk mitigation measures.

Who should attend:

Directors and purchasing staff from importers of timber, plywood, veneer, MDF, particleboard, joinery, pulp and paper products, flat packs, wood tables, chairs and wood framed lounges, retailers, agents for importers and exporters, customs brokers, Australian and international industry associations, consultants, certifiers as well as government procurement staff.

About the presenters:

The seminar will be presented by staff of the Timber Development Association and TFT (The Forest Trust) who have a very good understanding of the requirements, have developed the practical tools and have excellent experience in wood supply chain traceability and responsibility (see over).

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DATES

Melbourne	Tuesday	17 February 2015
Sydney	Thursday	19 February 2015
Brisbane	Tuesday	24 February 2015

VENUES

See overleaf

TIME

Registration from 8.45 am for 9.00am to 4.30 pm

COST

\$495 including Importer's Due Diligence Resource Package & lunch.

THE TRAINERS



Stephen Mitchell

Sustainability Programme Manager - Timber Development Association

Stephen joined the Timber Development Association in 2006 from NSW Government and over the last eight years has assisted timber industry and Australian Government with technical input on mechanisms to minimise the risk of procuring illegally logged wood. He has conducted research on timber procurement practices of importers of timber, pulp, paper and wood furniture. In 2013, supported by the Australian timber products industry, Stephen developed tools and guidance to assist industry satisfy the due diligence requirements of the Australian Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation. These are now freely available through www.timberduediligence.com.au. This work has been informed by a Gottstein Trust Fellowship funded investigation of due diligence practices of industry in the United States and Europe in response to US Lacey Act amendments and European Union's Timber Regulation which operate in a similar way to the Australian legislation.

The Timber Development Association is a non-profit industry association with the primary objective of building markets within Australia for timber and wood products. Operating since 1938, TDA does this by a mixture of research & development, technical training, educational and marketing activities.



Michael Pescott

Program Manager for Australia, New Zealand and PNG - TFT

Michael Pescott joined TFT (The Forest Trust) in 2010 and has been working since then with a number of importers of wood, paper and furniture products from the Asia Pacific on minimising risk in their supply chains. Before this Michael was a Forest Policy Officer - Asia Pacific with the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO).

Founded by Australian Forester Scott Poynton in 1999, TFT is a global non-profit organisation that helps companies run responsible supply chains. TFT have over 150 mostly field based colleagues working from offices dispersed across 16 countries and all continents. They also managed the European Union funded Timber Trade Action Plan (TTAP), a partnership project with a number of European Timber Trade Federations which aimed to reduce the trade in illegal wood products and contribute to sustainable forest management. Visit www.tft-forests.org

VENUES & BOOKING INFORMATION

Melbourne: Tuesday 17th February 2015 - 9am to 4.30 pm
Engineering House, 21 Bedford Street, North Melbourne

Sydney: Thursday 19th February 2015 - 9am to 4.30 pm
Venue TBA

Brisbane: Tuesday 24th February 2015 - 9am to 4.30 pm
Venue TBA

Book and pay online via www.timberduediligence.com.au

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