



Get to grips with the EU Timber Regulation

Register today for training in Beijing or Guangzhou

22 April 2013, London/Beijing: **Join events with a strong focus on solutions and tools available for Chinese companies to exclude illegal timber from their supply chains. The events explore how the EU Timber Regulation affects Chinese companies trading in timber or paper products, and support delegates in meeting assurance demands resulting from regulation.**

The EU Timber Regulation, in force since 3 March 2013, aims to exclude illegal timber from the EU market. It affects thousands of Chinese companies, including those exporting wood products directly to the EU as well as intermediaries further up the supply chain.

The EU is one of the world's largest timber markets with a large and growing share of imports deriving from China, standing at 18 % of total imports in 2011. However, due to the regulation the gates to the EU market will only remain open for companies that are able to provide specific information about timber or paper products as well as adequate assurance for their legal origin.

Participate in events in Beijing and Guangzhou

During 27-31 May 2013, European non-profit organisation NEPCon, with the support of Research Institute of Forestry Policy and Information, Chinese Academy of Forestry, is organising three events exploring how to be pro-active and stay an attractive business partner in supply chains connected to the European market. The events will present NEPCon's free LegalSource™ tools and systems, which Chinese companies can adapt to meet the EU requirements.

Business seminars on the EU Timber Regulation in Beijing (30 May) and Guangzhou (31 May)

These events will equip delegates with understanding of the EU Timber Regulation and how its due diligence requirements are likely to affect Chinese companies in the timber/paper supply chain. Through business cases and presentation of operational tools, the seminars offer plenty of inspiration for how to address the challenges involved and meet buyers' expectations for timber legality assurance.

International three-day course in Beijing 27-29 May

This fast-paced, English-language Due Diligence Expert training course provides in-depth understanding of the EU Timber Regulation and takes delegates through NEPCon's LegalSource™ system step by step. It also builds competencies for conducting due diligence auditing and/or supplier verification. The course is relevant for e.g. quality control managers and procurement officers of larger or international companies trading in wood or paper products, as well as for public sector organisations, consultants and NGOs engaged in the timber sector. A certificate is awarded to participants who pass the final course exam.

More information and contact

Find more information and practical information please refer to the website www.cfcn.cn/. To register your participation, please contact:

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Events schedule

Date	Course content	Duration	Course fee	Location	Language
30 May 2013	Seminar: EU Timber regulation	1 day	60 EUR	Beijing	Chinese
31 May 2013	Seminar: EU Timber Regulation	1 day	60 EUR	Guangzhou	Chinese
27-29 May 2013	LegalSource Expert training course	3 days	1,000 EUR	Beijing	English

Facts about the EU Timber Regulation

The EU Timber Regulation (EUTR) went into force on 3 March, 2013. It bans the placing of illegal timber on the EU market, and obliges thousands of EU-based companies to exercise "due diligence" if they customs clear a wide range of timber/paper products into the EU. These companies need to set up a due diligence system providing for risk assessment and mitigation as well as access to specific information about the suppliers and the products, including origin and timber species. There are severe penalties in place for EU companies found to be in breach of the regulation.

Facts about timber trade between China and the EU

According to statistics from the European Timber Trade Federation (www.ettf.info), around 18 % of all EU wood products imports were derived from China in 2011, mostly comprising wood furniture and plywood. The share of imports from China has been growing in recent years.

About NEPCon (www.nepcon.net)

NEPCon is an international, non-profit organisation that promotes the responsible use of natural resources through sustainability services and innovation projects. In the framework of its LegalSource™ Programme, NEPCon offers services designed to meet the needs of all operators who need source and supply legal timber. NEPCon's LegalSource™ Due Diligence System is publicly available on NEPCon's website in line with NEPCon's "Open Source Policy" to share materials developed to advance sustainability. Hundreds of corporate and private sector organisations have already tapped into NEPCon's timber legality expertise.

Learn more about NEPCon's timber legality assurance approach at www.nepcon.net/legalwood.

About Research Institute of Forestry Policy and Information (RIFPI) of the Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF)

RIFPI is a research institute and center under CAF, a comprehensive, multidisciplinary and public research institution under the State Forestry Administration. RIFPI is a special institution in China which undertakes the study of macro forestry strategy, forestry policy and forestry economy as well as providing scientific

literature and information processing services. RIFPI has trained and recruited talents in recent years for studies on China's macro sustainable development strategy, forestry planning for provinces and autonomous regions, and forest certification and sustainable management, community forestry, forest resource accounting and environment economy and forest product trade.

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