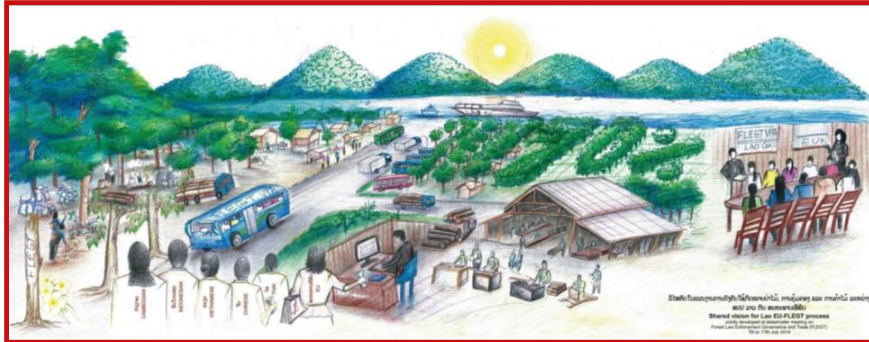


Basic Introduction to FLEGT VPA process



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Presentation outline

1. What FLEGT
stands for?

4. Timber Flow &
PM 15



2. What is a VPA?

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Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT)

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2. What is a VPA? - Definition

Voluntary
Partnership
Agreement



<http://www.euflegt.efi.int/vpa>

A **VPA** is a legally binding trade agreement between the EU and an individual timber exporting country, which aims to ensure trade only in legal timber and to improve forest governance.

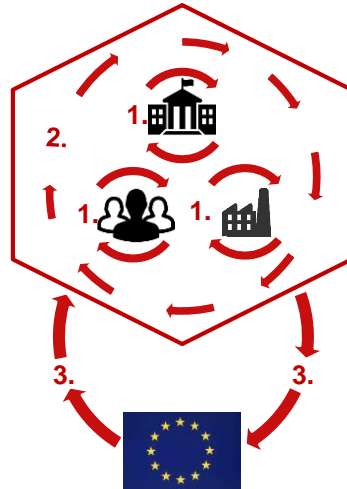
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2. What is a VPA? - How is it negotiated?

1. Within stakeholders
2. Among stakeholders
3. Bilateral negotiations with the EU

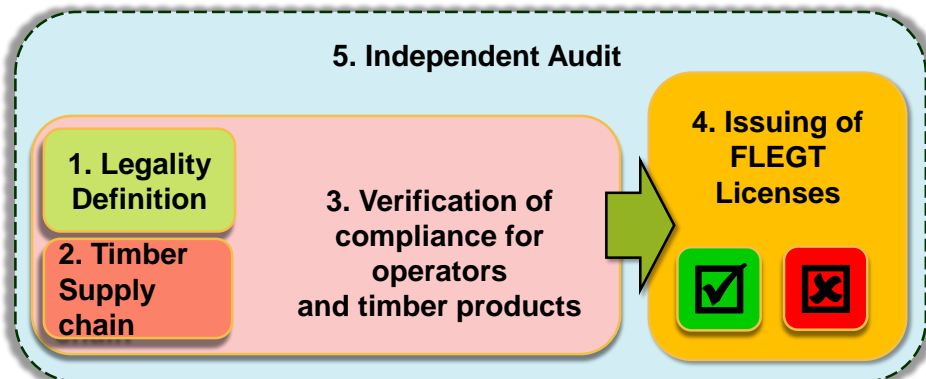
-  Government
-  Civil society
-  Private sector



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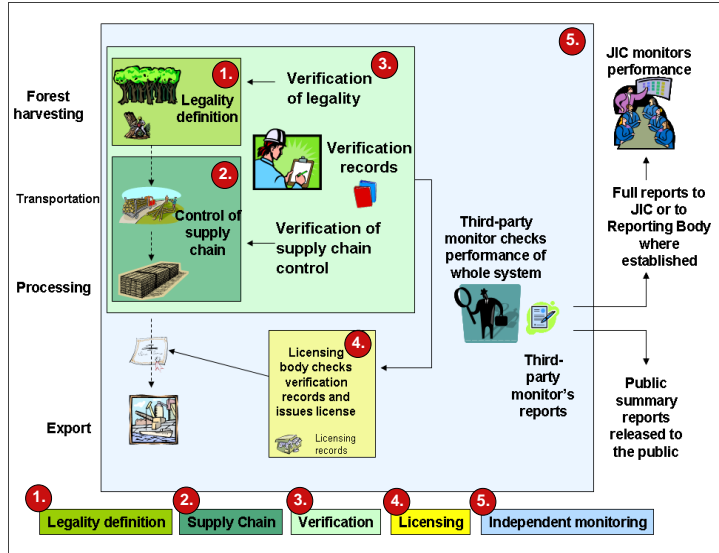
Five elements of Timber Legality Assurance Systems



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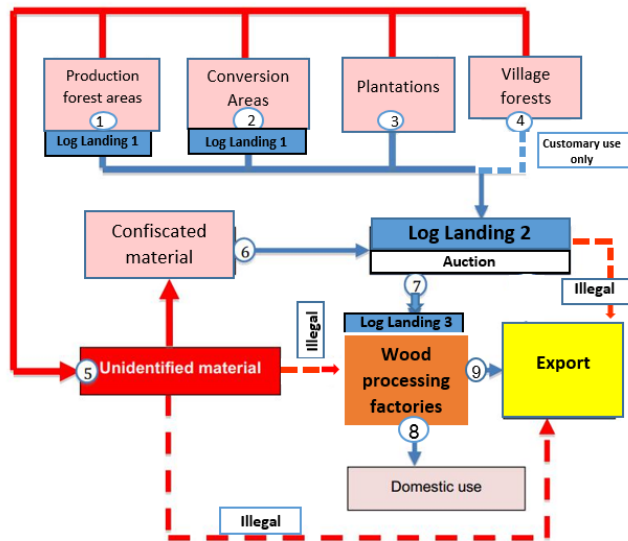
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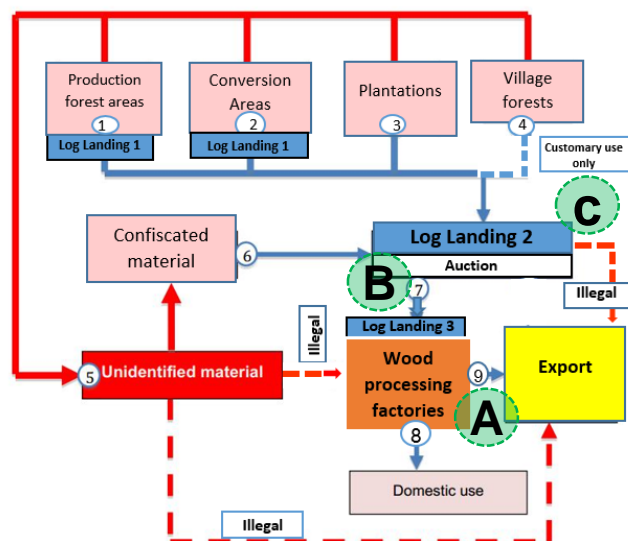
Timber Flow Chart in Lao P.D.R



Changes after PM 15

- Strictly harvesting monitoring of all timber especially from conversion areas
- All timber (also confiscated timber) has to be auctioned at log landing 2 and registered in state asset
- All timber has to be processed by national wood processing industry
- Only finished products defined according new MOIC list are allowed to be exported

Timber Flow Chart in Lao P.D.R - Interventions



General Structure - Timber Legality Definition (TLD) Lao P.D.R

Legality Standard 1: Natural Production Forest	Legality Standard 2: Conversions Areas	Legality Standard 3: Plantation	Legality Standard 4: Village Forest	Legality Standard 5: Confiscated Timber	Legality Standard 6: Imported Timber
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Legality Standard 7:
Labour obligations in Forestry and Wood Processing

Legality Standard 8:
Wood Processing and Timber Trade

 Drafts available

Further reading:



<http://www.euflegt.efi.int/vpa-unpacked>

<https://flegtlaos.com/>

