



## Update on progress of TLD development and link to roadmap between Lao PDR and EU

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## Overview TLD Development after 1<sup>st</sup> face-to-face Negotiation

- Joint EU – Lao PDR Roadmap for FLEGT VPA Negotiation agreed on 27/04/2017
  - Roadmap contains agreed actions/elements and deadlines for both parties
  - Until 07/08/2017
    - Lao revise existing draft Timber Legality Definitions with contribution of national stakeholders
    - EFI Technical Mission to Laos in order to support further development of TLD's
    - Lao share revised draft Timber Legality Definitions
- Due to the ambitious timeline and experiences from the past, the FLEGT Standing Office proposed to start the revision process for 5 existing TLDs with a retreat of a core expert team, selected from each TEG and representing the different stakeholders of the VPA process
  - TLD Production Forest
  - TLD Conversion Areas
  - TLD Plantation
  - TLD Labor Obligations
  - TLD Wood Processing and Trade
- The result of the retreat for 3 TLDs was consulted with all members of the respective TEGs (25/07: Production Forest; 26/07: Conversion Areas; 27/07: Wood Processing and Trade)

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## Proceedings for Revision of draft TLDs

- Addressing comments of EU on previous drafts and during face-to-face negotiations
  - General comments
  - Specific comments on each TLD (see presentation of each TLD)

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## Proceedings for Revision of draft TLDs

- General Comments of EU for all TLDs

Type of comment	Current Response
Structuring and layout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New matrix (organizations and verification methodology deleted)</li> <li>• Verifiers with reference number.</li> </ul>
Verifier should be linked to the legal reference	More precise citation of laws, unified among TLDs.
Simplify the number of verifiers by using representative one	Verifiers have to be definitive and clear.

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## Proceedings for Revision of draft TLDs

- Use of a new Matrix for revised Draft

### Old matrix

PRINCIPLE 1.1		
Criteria 1.1.1		
Indicator 1.1.1.1	Verifier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• xx</li> <li>• xx</li> </ul>	
Legal references <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• xx</li> <li>• xx</li> <li>• xx</li> </ul>	Responsible organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• xx</li> <li>• xx</li> </ul>	Verification procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• xx</li> <li>• xx</li> </ul>



### New matrix

PRINCIPLE 1.1		
Criteria 1.1.1		
Indicators	Verifier	Legal references
1.1.1.1	1.1.1.1.1 1	Law No. xx/NA. Article 3.
	1.1.1.1.2 2	Decree No. xx/PM. Article 6.

- Verification and responsible organization removed (will be described in a separate Annex of VPA)
- Verifier and legal reference clearly structured
- Explicit legal reference

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## Proceedings for Revision of draft TLDs

- Addressing comments of EU on previous drafts and during face-to-face negotiations
  - General comments
  - Specific comments on each TLD (see presentation of each TLD)
- Analysis of “development history” of TLDs
- Review of existing supply chain descriptions and other processes, e.g. investment promotion
- Revision of previous draft: From the essential to the details

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## Proceedings for Revision of draft TLDs

- Matrix Elements: From the essential to the details

Matrix Element	Description
PRINCIPLE	Title/area of law and regulation enforcement
Criteria	Sub-title/sub-area of law and regulation enforcement to meet the requirement of the principle
Indicator	The detailed <u>legal requirements</u> to be complied with the criteria
Verifiers	Evidence/proof of compliance for meeting the requirement of the indicator
Legal references	Law and regulations to be verified for compliance with indicator

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## Next Steps

- Today's Meeting
  - Consultation of TWG on draft TLDs after retreat and TEG meeting
    - TLD Production Forest
    - TLD Conversion Areas
    - TLD Wood Processing and Trade
  - Consultation of TWG on draft TLDs after retreat
    - TLD Plantation
    - TLD Labor Obligations in
- Result from the consultation will be included in the draft TLDs and the upgraded versions will be sent to the EU

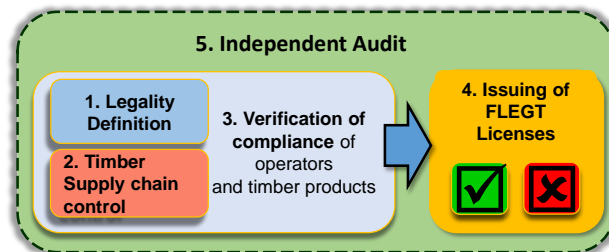
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## Next Steps

- Coming soon: Work on the next important elements of the TLAS, supply chain control and verification



- Supply chain control in forest management, wood processing and trade
  - Improving existing traceability gaps in the COC system
  - Data reconciliation between different authorities and levels
- Verification
  - Define actors and procedures for verification

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Thank You

