

The amfori BEPI Timber
Due Diligence Programme



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Countries have introduced a range of timber legislation in recent years, Join the amfori BEPI timber due diligence programme to learn how to navigate this legislation and act upon it.

The amfori BEPI Timber Due Diligence Programme supports members to conduct due diligence in their supply chains and helps ensure that their wooden products are not contributing to illegal deforestation. The programme offers guidance and tools to help companies map their supply chain, gather necessary documentation, understand potential risks and work to mitigate them.

Illegal deforestation or logging

Illegal deforestation is the harvest, transportation, purchase or sale of timber that violates the laws of the territory where these actions occur. The harvesting procedure itself may be illegal, including using corrupt means to gain access to forests. These processes include:

- extraction without permission, or from a protected area
- the cutting down of protected species
- the extraction of timber in excess of agreed limits.

Illegal practices may also occur during transport, such as illegal processing and export; fraudulent declaration to customs; the avoidance of taxes and other charges, and fraudulent certification.

The EUTR in brief:

The European Union Timber Regulation has been in force since 2013.

- Prohibits placing illegally harvested timber, and products derived from illegally harvested timber, on the EU market
- Requires traders to keep a register of who they buy from and who they sell to
- Requires the operator (actor who first places the timber products on the EU market) to exercise due diligence
- The due diligence system must contain specific information on the timber used in the product, a risk assessment and risk mitigation
- Importers, or 'operators', are responsible for having a due diligence system in place to prove timber placed on the EU market has not come from illegal sources.

In recent years, the USA and Australia have also enacted similar legislation in 2008 and 2012 respectively. In the USA, this is known as the Lacey Act that prohibits the trafficking of illegal wildlife including animals and plants. Australia's Timber Due Diligence legislation is known as the Illegal Logging Act. This means that companies importing wood into these countries will also have to comply with legislation here also.

31%
of all land area is covered by forests.

18.7 million
acres of forest are lost to deforestation every year.

15%
of all greenhouse gas emissions in the world are a result of deforestation.

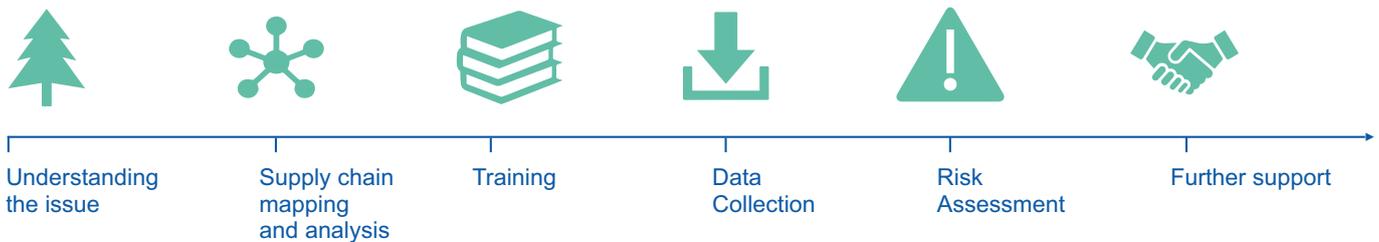
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of the Earth's surface is covered by tropical forests, but they support at least two-thirds of the world's biodiversity.

1.6 billion people
rely on forests for their livelihoods, including food, fresh water, clothing, traditional medicine and shelter.

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Map your Timber and Take Action

The amfori BEPI Timber Due Diligence Programme sets an in-depth, step-by-step approach for companies to become compliant and gain a greater understanding of their interaction and supply chain with the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR). The amfori BEPI Timber Due Diligence Programme is a four-stage process that allows companies to:



Main benefits of programme

- **Get a good understanding on the EUTR Requirements**
 - Our experts monitor the latest EUTR requirements to update you on changes that might impact your business
- **Access an Online Platform to Collect and Improve the Visibility of your Supply Chain**
 - Manage to collect your data in an efficient and organised way
 - Gain complete visibility from tier I to Forest level
 - Visualise data collected and easily see where gaps are
- **Risk Assessment & Mitigation**
 - Access a Repository of all compliance documentation
 - Get Information on endangered species
 - Receive Updates on UN or EU sanctions on illegal harvesting
 - Benefit from a risk assessment report , per product to identify key risk areas.
- **Training for your country and business partners**
 - Specialised seminars, webinars and workshops regularly available for you.



About our Partner, NEPCon

Nature Economy and People Connected

We have been working with NEPCon on the Timber Due Diligence Programme to build the tools and services that are now available for our members. NEPCon has substantial expertise in timber due diligence and EUTR compliance. They also support us with capacity building efforts for members and producers. NEPCon is a non-profit organisation that works for sustainable land use and climate solutions in 100+ countries around the world.

Join us.

Be part of the open and sustainable trade community.
amfori BEPI is just one of the products our members can benefit from.

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