



VPAs: detailed information

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Outline of structure of agreement

- VPA Objectives
- Description of FLEGT license scheme
- License verification process in EU
- Additional measures to reinforce legality verification
- Stakeholder participation
- Market visibility and promotion
- Joint monitoring committee
- Communication
- General provisions of agreement
- Annexes


Annexes

- product coverage
- legality definition & compliance framework
- EU procedures port entry
- FLEGT Licensing procedures
- detailed Legality Assurance System (LAS) description
- principles of Independent Monitoring/ audit
- implementation schedule
- additional Measures: id of capacity gap
- assessment criteria for LAS
- information disclosure and reporting
- functions of joint implementation committee

Annex 1

- List of products covered by FLEGT License
 - Mandatory product categories as described by harmonised codes used for customs purposes:
 - 4403 : logs
 - 4406 : railway sleepers
 - 4407 : sawnwood
 - 4408 : Veneer
 - 4409 : Parquet
 - 4412 : Plywood
- + ...

Annex 2

- Partner country laws and regulations that frame requirements for logging and timber production and the documentation or indicators that provide evidence of compliance
-  Monitoring framework that outlines principles and criteria for assessing compliance with legality definition
- Covers all titles/sources of timber which is exported to the EU

Annex 3

- EU procedures for license verification into Community
- Standard Annex based on EC Implementing Regulation
- Connected to EU customs procedures (free release for circulation)

Annex 4

- FLEGT License and licencing procedures
- License Format
- License issuance procedures
- Procedure in case of loss, fraudulent documents, etc

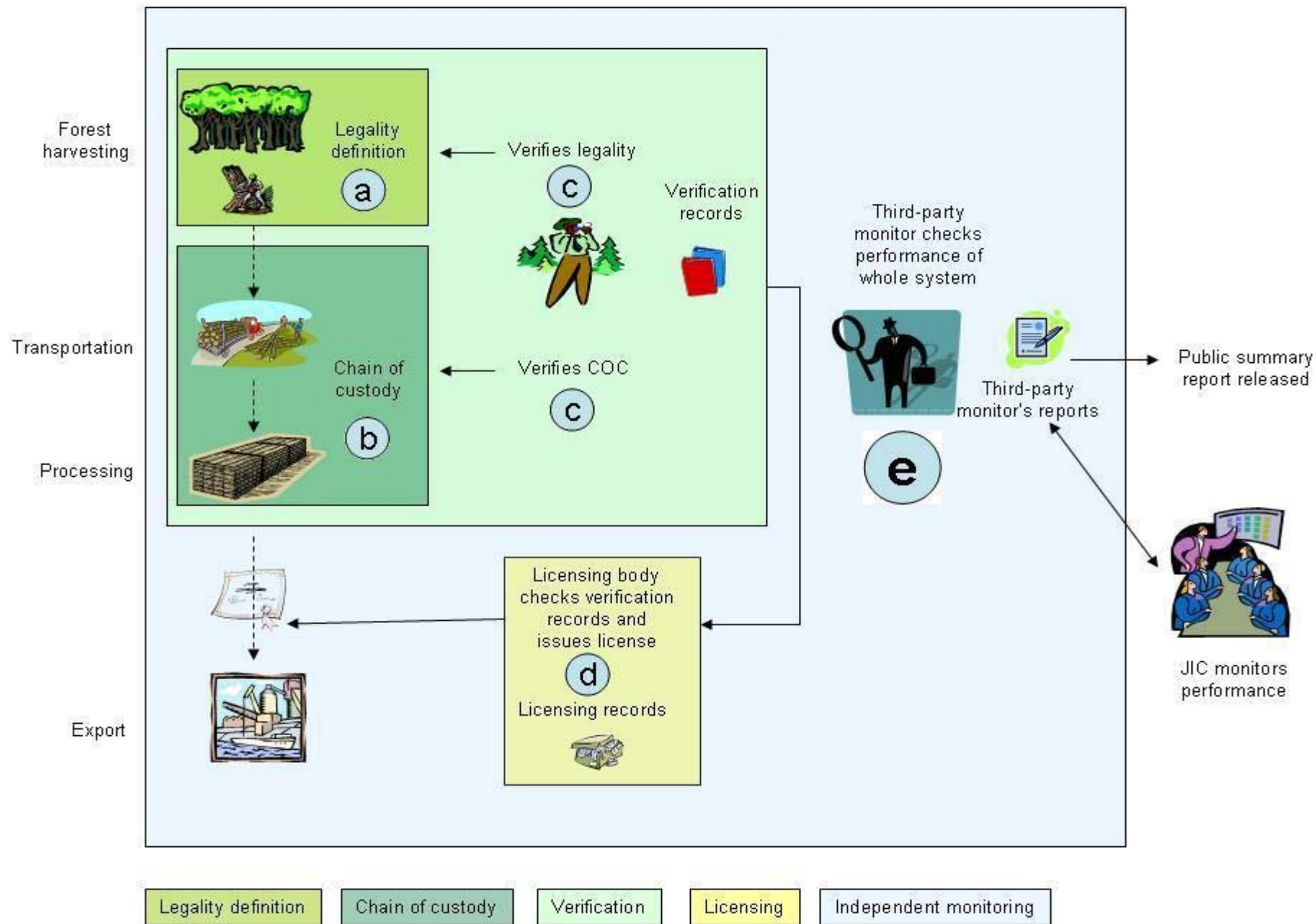
1. Issuing Authority Name		2. Reserved for partner country purpose	
Address			
3. FLEGT License number		4. Expiration Date/...../.....	
5. Country of Export		7. Moyen de transport	
6. Code ISO			
8. Licensee Name			
Address			
9. Commercial Description product			
10. Common or scientific name		11. Code HS	
12. Country of Harvest		13. Code(s) ISO	
14. Volume (m3)		Wt Net (kg)	16. Number of units
17. Distinguishing marks			
18. Signature et stamp issuing authority			

Annex 5

- Legality Assurance System = legality definition, verification, chain of custody, licensing and audit.
- Description of partner country's proposed system building from existing systems
- Describes institutional set up

Annex 6

- Key principle: Independent Audit of the operational system
- Detailed functions of independent auditing (Terms of reference)



Annex 7

- Implementation schedule



Date begins at the end of negotiations

Annex 8

Supporting measures for VPA implementation

- Identification of actions required to support the implementation of the VPA
- Identification needs for implementation

Planning the implementation of the VPA

Annex 9

- Criteria to assess operational LAS
- Standard annex based on the principles and criteria set out in FLEGT Briefing Notes
- Joint assessment to check that systems are functioning as intended and to assess preparedness of EU authorities to handle license verification as goods enter Europe

Annex 10

Reporting and Public information disclosure

- Outline annual report for VPA
- Describes information made available to public
- Outline communication strategy



Annex 11

Joint Implementation Committee

- Describes institutional arrangements for monitoring VPA
- Describes functions of a joint committee
- Outlines internal procedure

Other requirements or ideas?

- To be developed during negotiations



Thank you
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