



THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN
COLLABORATION WITH THE GUYANA FORESTRY
COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: IMPORT PERMIT REQUIRED FOR IMPORTATION OF PINE WOOD FROM 2018

The General Public as well as stakeholders in the Forestry Sector are hereby notified of a decision taken by the Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana to require importers of timber products with a specific focus on Pine Lumber to be licenced, as prescribed by the Forests Act of 2009 and by the National Forest Policy, from January 1, 2018.

As a consequence of this decision, potential importers of Pine Lumber will, as of January 1, 2018, be mandated to seek and obtain an Import Permit prior to importing Pine Lumber and other Pinewood products. All relevant information pertaining to the application process will be published shortly.

Guyana is in the final stages of a bilateral trade negotiation with the EU on the establishment of a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) under the EU Forest Law, Enforcement, Governance and Trade Initiative. (EU FLEGT). This process is led by a National Technical Working Group (NTWG) comprising representatives of civil society and NGO's, the private sector, and Government.

As a consequence, it was agreed that the decision was necessary for traceability and to ensure that there is a consolidated legality framework for the thorough assessment of all timber products entering and leaving Guyana.

Stakeholders with questions regarding this notice and the rules to be applied for the Permit may contact the Guyana Forestry Commission on telephone number 226 7271 or visit its main or regional offices.

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