

FLEGT & UK Procurement

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FLEGT recognised in UK TPP

- UK Timber Procurement Policy recognises FLEGT as CATEGORY A
- Qualifying schemes include:
 - FSC
 - PEFC
 - FLEGT
- This places FLEGT on equal status with two main brand certification schemes

But, does anyone know?





Introduction



Forest Legality & Sustainability



Certification



Legal & UK Govt Requirements



Specifying Sustainable Timber



Self-assessment

Timber Procurement Course

- Fully accredited by RIBA – available via RIBA CPD Website
- Promoted to Merchants, Builders, Architects via their trade associations
- Letters to ALL UK local authorities inviting them to take the training
- Launched with Sustainability Supply Chain School
- Valuable training for all Member Staff

Specific sections on FLEGT

Category A Evidence

The TPP requires either **Category A** or **Category B evidence**. Category A is the simplest way to comply as it requires:

- Documentary evidence of full PEFC or FSC® Chain of Custody certification or,
- Timber that carries a **FLEGT** (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance, and Trade) licence

[Click here for information on FLEGT](#)

[Click here for information on FLEGT VPA \(Voluntary Partnership Agreement\) licensed countries](#)

[Click here to search for FSC® certified companies](#)

[Search the PEFC database for certificate holders and certified products](#)

- Woodcampus.co.uk
- “Procuring Sustainable Timber”
- RIBA Accredited CPD
- TTF would love to work with DEFRA to promote

Licences limited to one country



More countries, more awareness?

VPA countries in the world



■ Implementing

Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ghana, Indonesia, Liberia, Republic of the Congo

■ Negotiating

Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Guyana, Honduras, Laos, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam

Summary

- FLEGT legally recognised in procurement
- Market barely realises!
- Very little tropical produce in mainstream contracting – even less FLEGT
- TTF procurement training for market
- Would love to work with Defra to promote this more widely!
- FLEGT Awareness will grow as VPA list grows

