

FLEGT VPA Independent Market Monitoring (IMM)

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Independent Market Monitoring of FLEGT-Licensed Timber

IMM Background



Mandated by FLEGT VPAs

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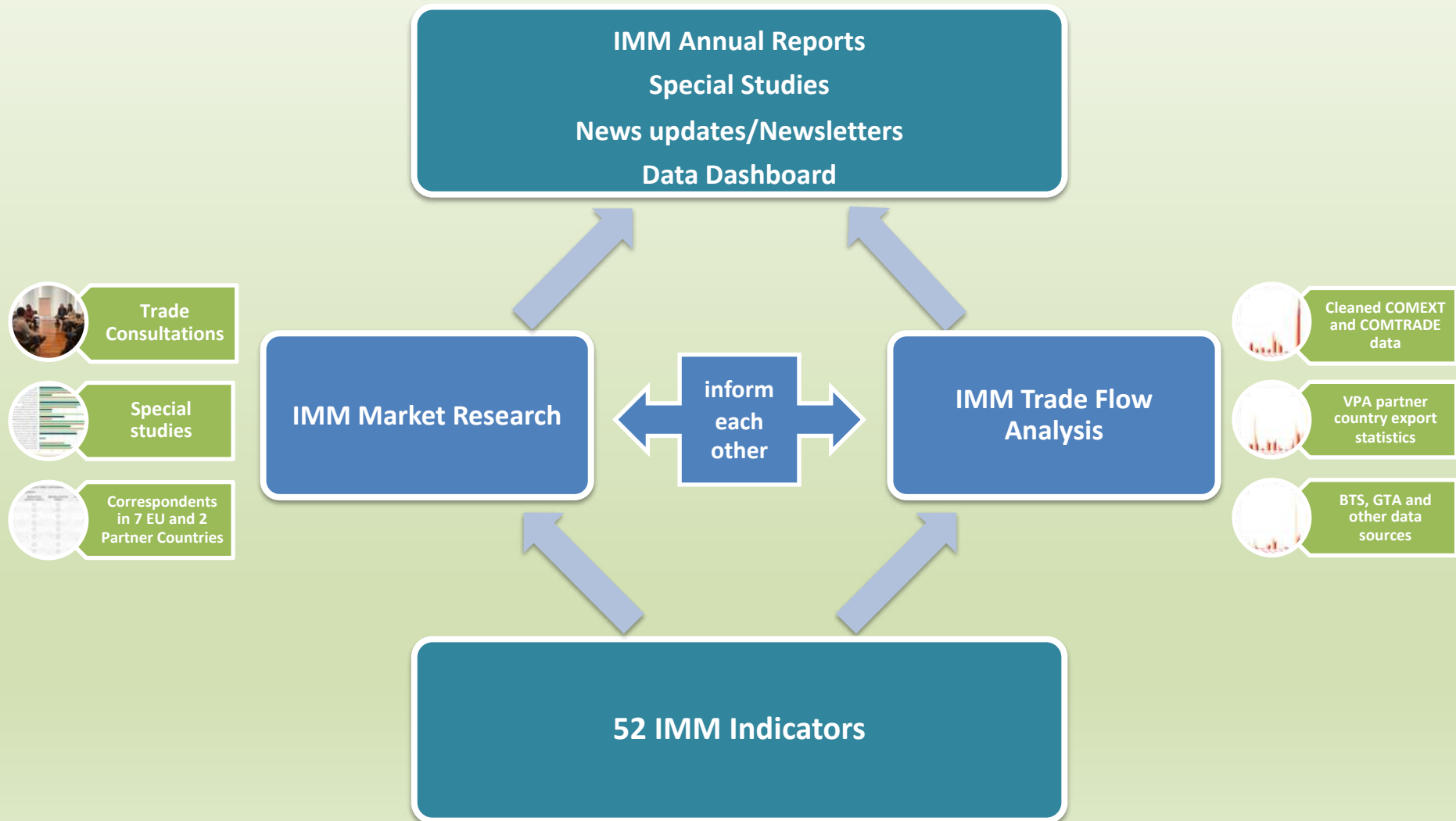
Project term extended to January 31, 2022

Objectives

- *Independently monitor FLEGT VPA market impacts*
- *Improve understanding of impacts on timber prices, trade and market trends globally*
- *Inform decisions by VPA Joint Implementation Committees by providing timely & accurate info on market impact*
- *Contribute to monitoring the impacts of the FLEGT Action Plan and to inform its implementation*

IMM has no mandate to promote FLEGT licenses

IMM Methodology

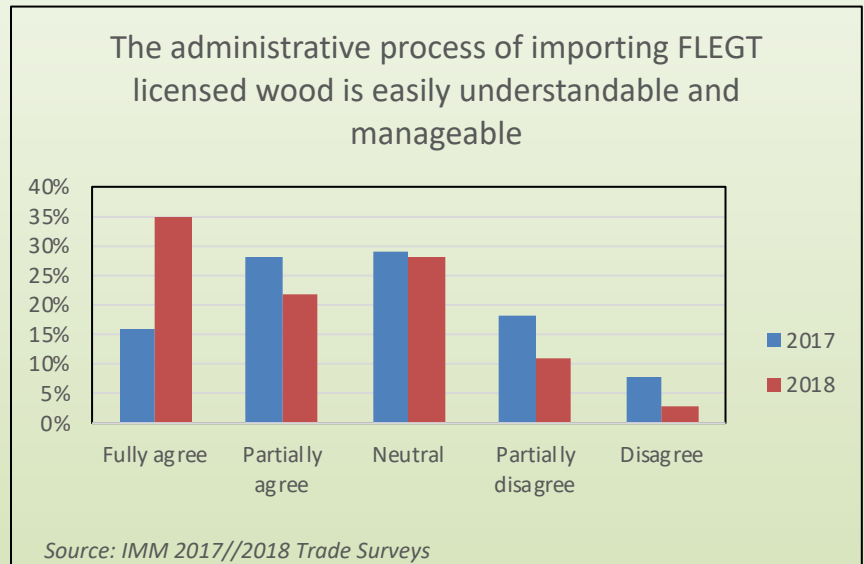
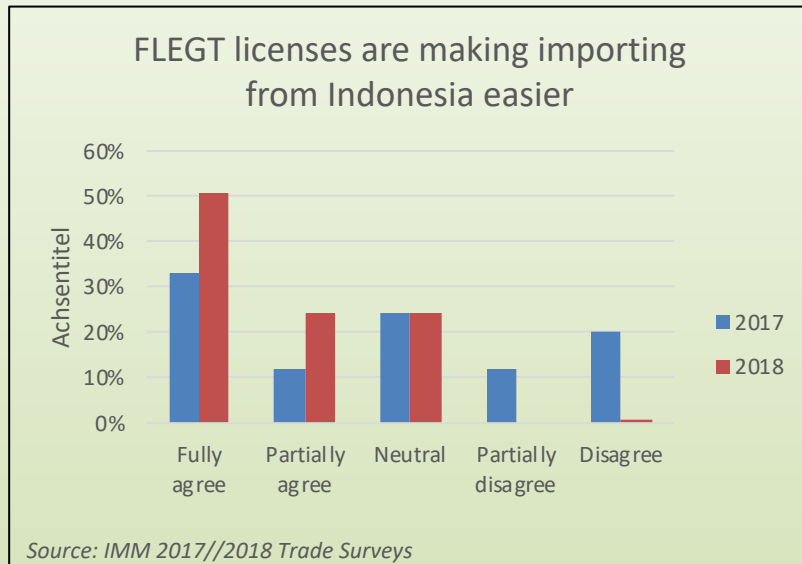


Existing IMM Information Sources

- IMM website and data dashboard www.flegtimm.eu
- IMM e-newsletter (distributed every 6-8 weeks)
Sign up at www.flegtimm.eu
- IMM EU Wood Promotion Study
- IMM EU Furniture Sector Scoping Study
https://www.itto.int/direct/topics/topics_pdf_download/topics_id=5782&no=1&disp=inline
- IMM study of EU Private Sector Timber Procurement Policies
<http://www.flegtimm.eu/index.php/reports/105-eu-private-sector-timber-procurement-imm-study-identifies-attitudes-and-priorities>
- IMM 2014-2017 Annual Reports
http://www.flegtimm.eu/images/annual_reports/VPA_Partners_in_EU_Timber_Trade_2017_Final_201118.pdf
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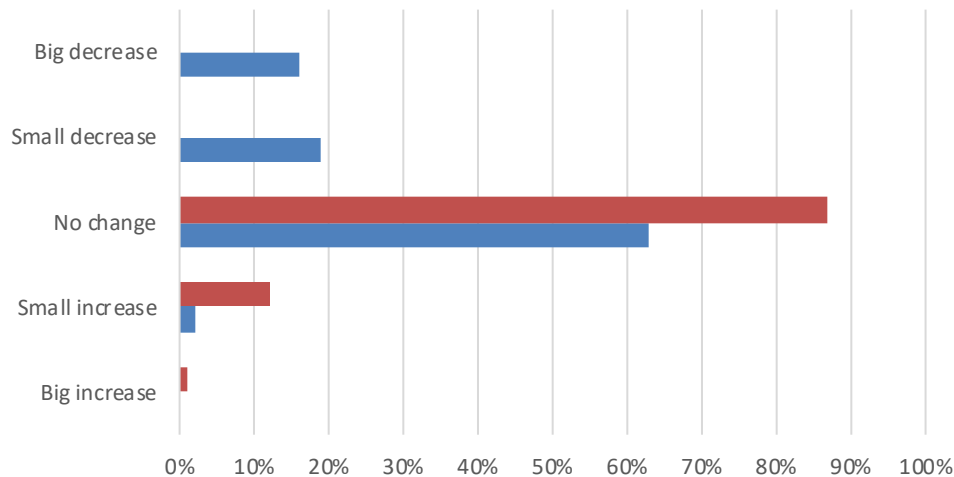
EU Trade Survey - Perception of FLEGT-licensed timber



- EU operators have become accustomed to FLEGT-licensed import procedures. In 2018, a much higher proportion finds import procedures easily manageable and a much lower proportion reports difficulties.
- The vast majority now agrees that FLEGT licensing is making importing timber products from Indonesia easier.
- Only 1% still finds licensing is making things more complicated, compared to more than 30% last year.

EUTR/FLEGT-licensing impact on tropical timber imports

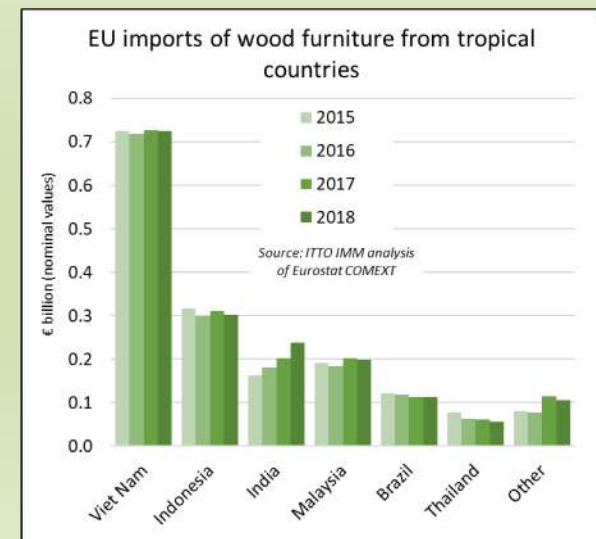
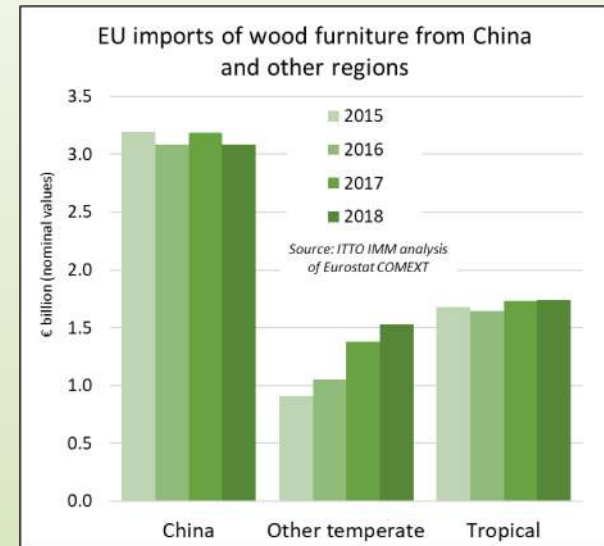
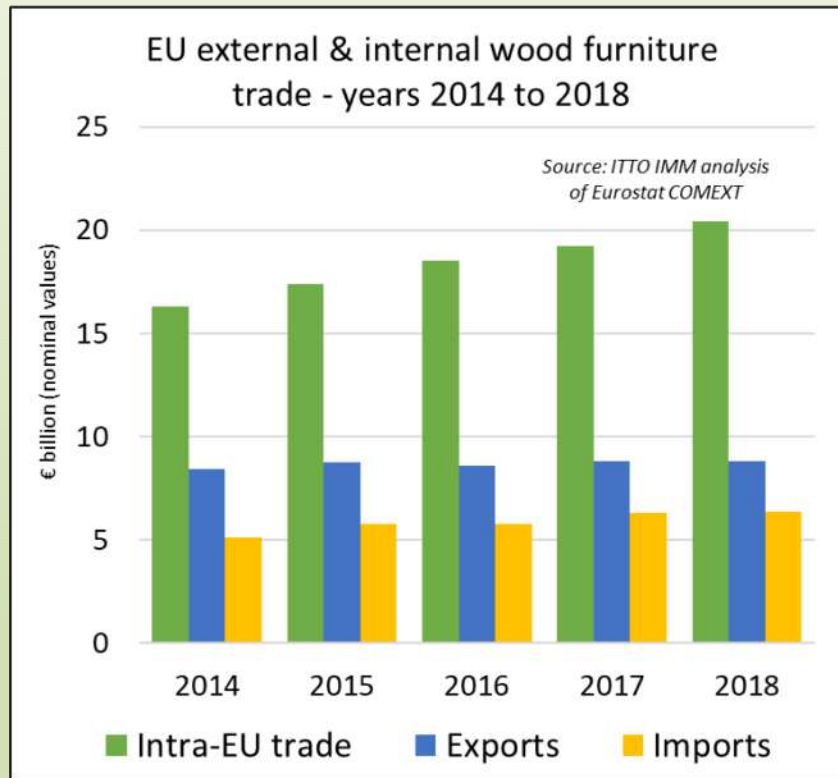
To what extent has the share of tropical timber and timber products in your imports changed due to EUTR and FLEGT-licensing



	Big increase	Small increase	No change	Small decrease	Big decrease
■ The market introduction of FLEGT-licensed timber	1%	12%	87%	0%	0%
■ The introduction of EUTR	0%	2%	63%	19%	16%

- Market introduction of FLEGT-licensed timber had a small positive effect.
- No respondent mentioned a negative effect.
- 35% of respondents attributed decline in their tropical timber imports to some extent to the EUTR

EU Wood Furniture Trade



Furniture study: relative national competitiveness

Figure 15: Perception of interviewees on product range

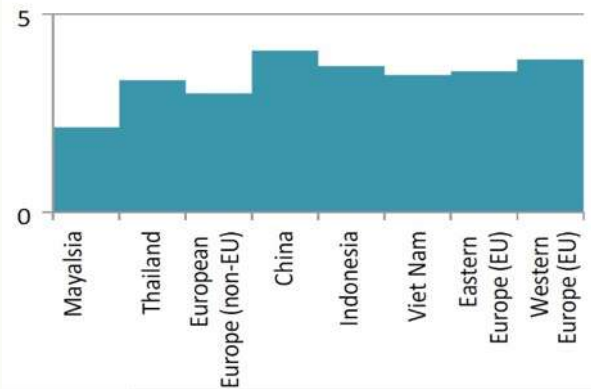


Figure 16: Perceptions of interviewees on lead times

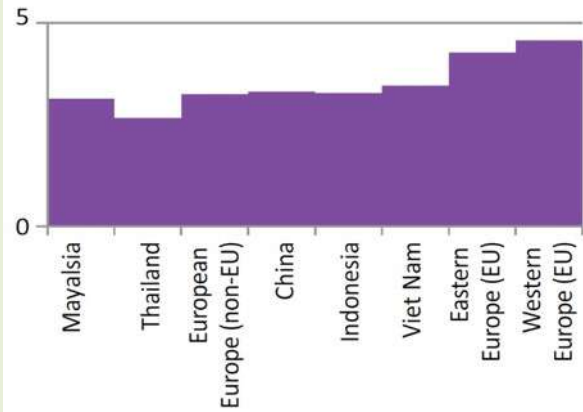


Figure 17: Perceptions of interviewees on logistics

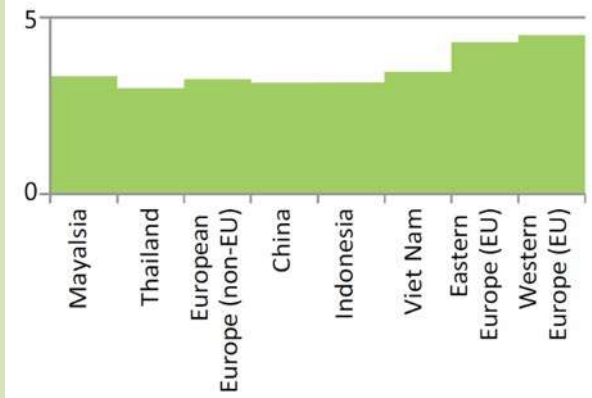


Figure 18: Perceptions of interviewees on price

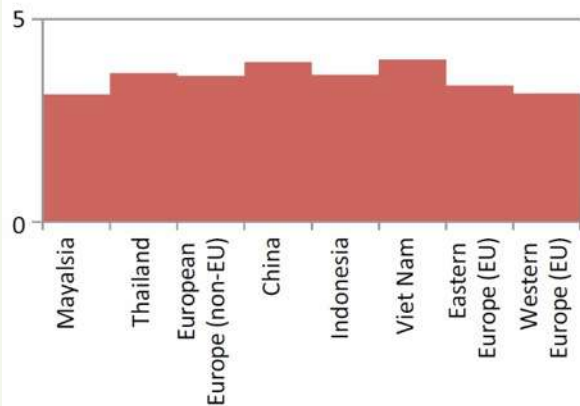
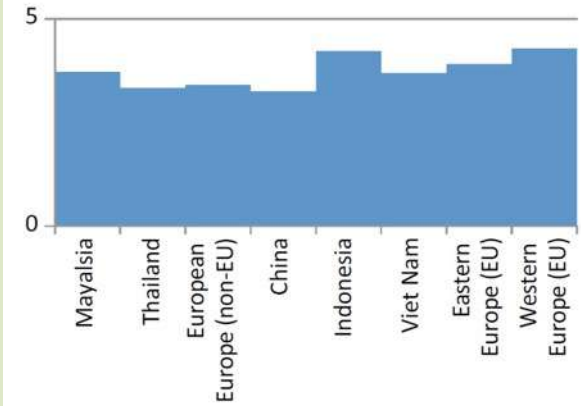


Figure 19: Perceptions of interviewees on quality



IMM Studies Scheduled in 2019

- IMM study of **EU Member States' public timber procurement** policies (May 2019)
- IMM scoping study of **FLEGT impact on forest sector investment** (July/August 2019)
- IMM **2018 Annual Report** (draft for review in June/July 2019)
- IMM **Study of Architects and Specifiers**
- IMM **EU furniture sector follow-up study**

Thank you

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