THE JOURNEY OF SVLK TO FLEGT LICENSING

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTRY REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

2001

The Bali Declaration on Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG).

2003

- MoU between the Indonesian and the British Government to combat illegal logging and international trade of illegal timber products.
- EU Action Plan on Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT).
- Various stakeholders begin to develop definition of timber legality standards.

2005

- European Union adopts Regulation No. 2173 on Scheme for Timber Export Permits though the Voluntary Partnership Agreement.
- Further development and articulation of standards, guidelines and criteria for timber legality.

2006

- Trial run for timber legality standards.
- Increasing multi-stakeholder participation (government, non-governmental organizations, national and provincial industry players) in development of timber legality definition from 2006 to 2008.

2007

- FLEGT VPA joint declaration between Forestry Minister M.S. Kaban, Stavros Dimas (European Commisioner for the Environment) and Louis Michel (European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid). Indonesia and EU begin VPA negotiations.
- Representatives of civil society, timber industry associations and related ministries contribute to negotiations with the EU through various platforms, among others, meetings of senior officials, technical working groups, joint market meetings, and video conferences.

2009

- Between 2001-2009, various timber legality systems are discussed by stakeholders. In 2009, Forestry Minister M.S. Kaban issues Regulation - Number P. 38/ 2009 on standards for performance assessment of production forest management and verification of timber legality.
- VPA negotiations intensify and provide leeway for perfecting of SVLK.

2011

- Declaration to support legal timber furniture trade from various furniture, exporter and forest industry associations.
- Launch of V-Legal logo for legal timber and timber products by Forestry Ministry.

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2012

- Trade Ministry issues Government Regulation No. 4/2012 to govern export of legal timber. This Regulation is revised with No. 81/2013, and revised once again with No. 97/2014.
- Indonesia conducts trial run of legal timber exports to the EU.

2013

- SILK (Timber Legality Information System) starts to operate in January 2013, and is accessible through the link

  http://silk.dephut.go.id
- Indonesia and the EU sign VPA in Brussels.

2014

- Regulation on SVLK, Ministerial Regulation Number P. 38/ 2009.
- Private forest owners and small enterprises can publish a Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC), as long as their raw materials are sourced from community forests and have group certification.
- VPA comes into effect, and VPA stakeholders come together in a Joint Implementation Committee to monitor agreement implementation.

2015

- SILK has supported publication of more than 234,000 V-Legal documents to 193 destination countries from 86 loading and unloading docks and 2,084 unloading docks.
- Joint assessment with the EU on TLAS Implementation.

2016

- Revision of P.95/2014 into P.30/2016 fortifies the existence of independent monitors.
- On 21 April 2016, a meeting is convened between Indonesian President Joko Widodo, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and European Council President Donald Tusk, to promote timber trade between Indonesia and EU with the issuance of the world's very first FLEGT Licensing by Indonesia.
- The decision of the 5th Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) on 15th September 2016: Indonesia as the world's first FLEGT Licensing Country, effective by 15th November 2016
- On 15 November 2016, Indonesia issues first FLEGT Licenses for timber product exports to the EU Member Countries.

2017

FLEGT LICENSE FIRST IN THE WORLD

- In the implementation period of 2017 to 2019, Indonesia has reviewed and improved the implementation of the Timber Legality Assurance System. The following are the on-going process of the TLAS and FLEGT - VPA refinement:
  - Policy review process of Indonesia TLAS
  - Improvement of VPA implementation, exploring the full potential of e – licensing
  - Strengthening Independent Forest Monitoring
  - Problem solving session of licensing issues
  - Improvement of law enforcement

2018

- After the issuance of the world's first FLEGT license, Indonesia has continued its Journey and achieved several important outputs:
  - 23 million hectares of production forest are SVLK certified
  - 100% of timber harvested in natural forest concessions or from plantation forest concessions was SVLK-certified
  - 4,477 forest-based enterprises and industries are SVLK certified
  - By 15th November 2019, Indonesia issued 1.15 million V-Legal Documents to the world market, including 117,000 FLEGT Licenses for timber products exported to the EU
  - The 7th Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) was held in Jakarta on November 18, 2019

2019

The progress made and improvement of the TLAS and FLEGT – VPA implementation is a lifelong learning process

2021

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