

How traceability software fulfills the legality assurance requirements of the EU VPA programme

VPA is key to establishing EU import rights

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**EU Timber Regs
03/03/13**

**Prohibits placing
illegal timber on
the EU Market.
Onus on importer
to exercise due
care.**



**What is illegal
timber?**

**Based on the laws
of the country of
harvest.**



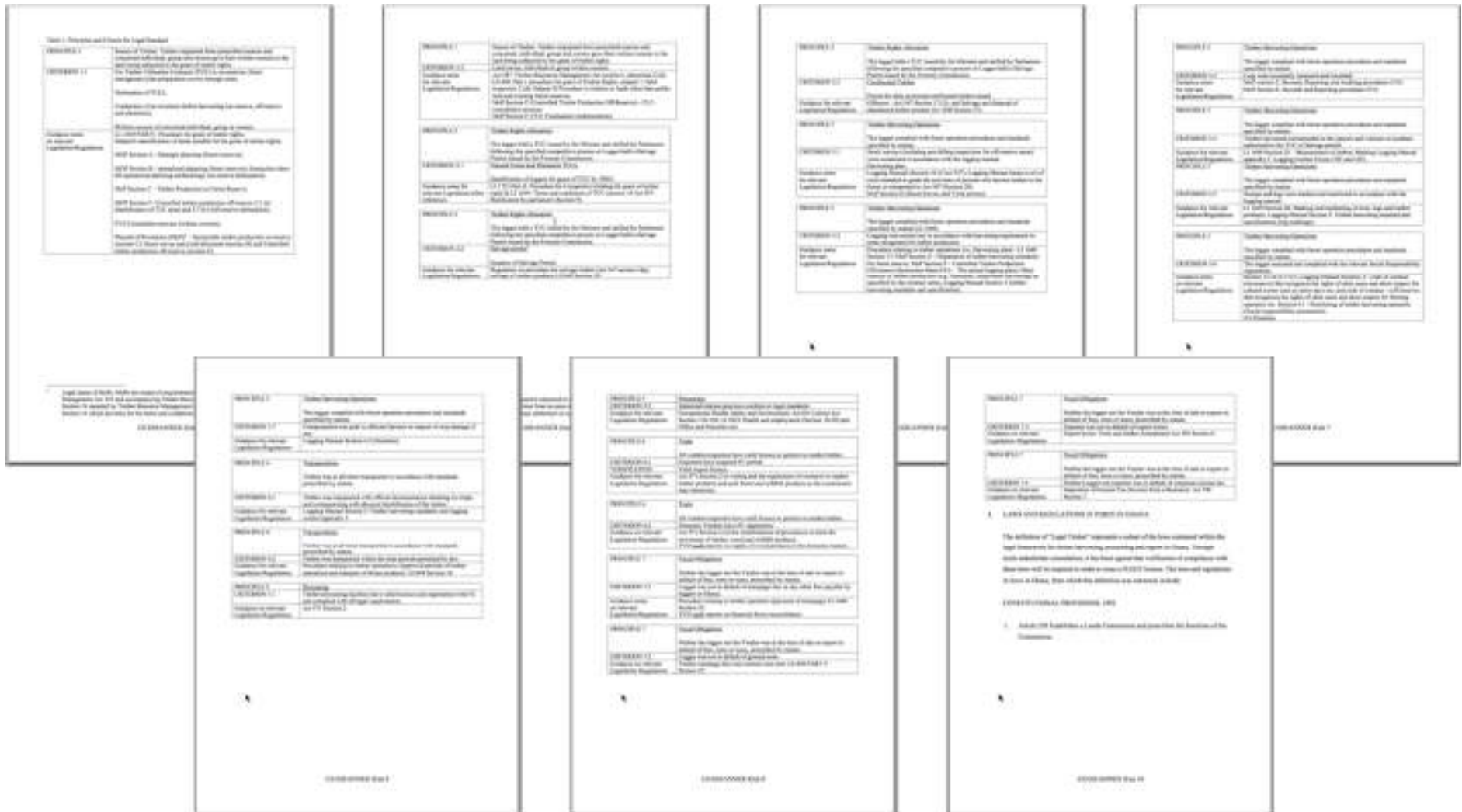
**VPA
FLEGT Licence**

**Clear definition of
“legal timber”.**

**L.A.S. to identify,
monitor & licence
legal timber.**

VPAs outline a detailed Legality Matrix

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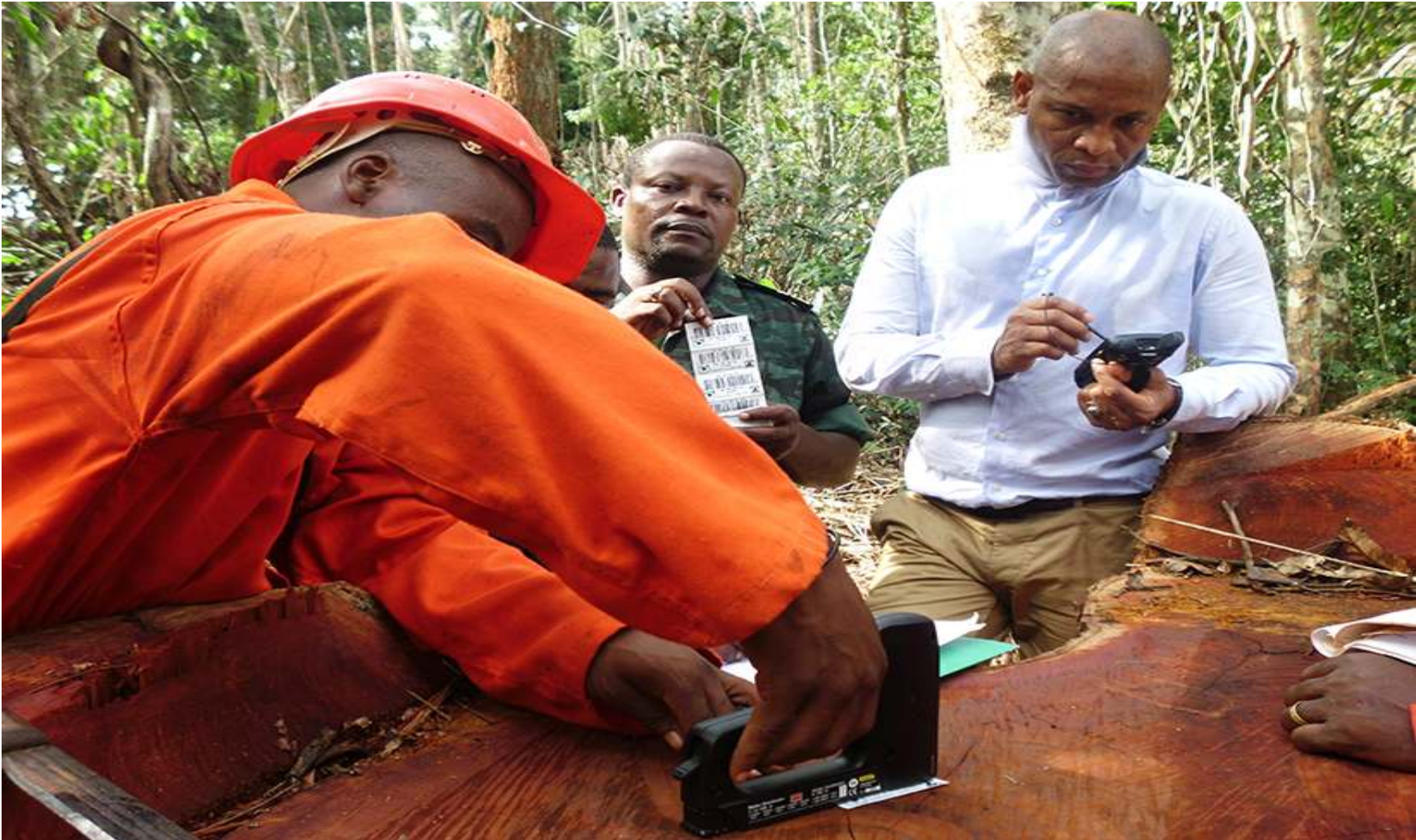
... Social Aspects

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- ❖ **Principle 1, Criterion 1.2:** ...concerned individual, group and owners gave their written consent to the land being subjected to the grant of timber rights.

Legality Provisions are wide-ranging and cover...



... Environmental Aspects

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❖ **Principle 3, Criterion 3.3:** Logs were accurately measured and recorded.

Legality Provisions are wide-ranging and cover...



... Economic Aspects

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- ❖ **Principle 6, Criterion 6.1:** Exporters have acquired a Forestry Commission permit.

VPA obligations demand a collection of technologies

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DATA/RULES



DOCUMENTS



SEARCH



MAPPING



TASKS



COLLABORATION



TRACE

Technology solves Time, Cost, Accuracy Problem...

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VPAs & EUTRs combine a carrot-&-stick approach.

FLEGT licence offers a free-pass for exporters and importers.



VPA requirements are extremely diverse.

Include social, environmental and economic aspects.



Next-to-impossible to satisfy VPA via manual processes. Time, cost and accuracy suffer.

Technology avoids those problems.