Recent developments linked to Phased Approaches

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Content Presentation

- Developments in The Netherlands
  - Government
  - Parliament, legislation
  - Trade, Legal origin

- USA, "RIL Verified"

Developments in the Netherlands
Government

- Facilitates development of Certification System
  - Universally applicable certification system
  - Reference for recognition of other systems

- Procurement policy: use of legal timber
  - Process of defining legality
  - Linking legality to SFM

Developments in the Netherlands

Parliament

- Parliament drafts proposal for Legislation
  - Originally to distinguish identified "good" wood from other wood
  - Since 1998, still in discussion!

  - Presently focus on:
    - Dutch universally applicable certification system
    - Establishment of an Agency to control the system
    - Issuing certificates and assessing certificates of other systems (similar to KEURHOUT)

(IL)LegaL Timber

(IL)Legal Timber

- The more legislation…….
- The more chance of illegality……..and
the less effective is the requirement of full legal compliance as an instrument to resolve a specific problem

Developments in the Netherlands
Trade

- Netherlands Trade Association
  - Code of Conduct to use legal timber
  - KEURHOUT
  - Protocol for the Validation of legality of Timber
    www.Keurhout.nl
    - Legal origin
    - Legal compliance

Protocol for the Validation of legality of Timber

Defining legality is dependent on purpose
and needs to be viewed from:

Original concern about illegal logging
– Depletion of forest, loss of biodiversity
– Degrading environments of indigenous people
– Frustrating process towards SFM
– Loss of income of local populations and governments
– Disturbing markets

and in view of:

• Societal developments:
– Governance and legislation reform
– Promoting SFM (certification)
– Call for direct action to curb illegal logging and its consequences

Protocol for the Validation of Legality of Timber
Content

- Protocol = procedure to investigate and endorse a claim of the legality of timber

- Protocol confirms the Legal Origin

- Protocol comprises:
  - Validation procedure
  - Standards (C&I) for Legal Origin and CoC

- Standards contain requirements for:
  - Quality of auditors
  - Assessment scheme applied by the auditor
  - Standard (C&I) used by the auditor

Protocol for the Validation of legality of Timber
Relation with SFM

Establishing legal origin fits in three step approach towards SFM

- 1) Timber from legal origin (timber is not stolen)

- 2) Transition timber; from forest managed according to a program to achieve SFM including full legal compliance

- 3) Certified timber; from SFM certified forests which implies full legal compliance.

Protocol for the Validation of legality of Timber
Relevant Legislation

The protocol for Legal Origin is based on the concept of:

- Legislation, rules en prescriptions in the country of origin (where the trees have been harvested)

- International Treaties and Conventions which have been ratified or which according to international law should be respected

Protocol for the Validation of legality of Timber
C & I for Legal Origin

- Legal registration of logging company

- Lawful permit for logging specified forest

- Exclusive harvest of identified and formally approved trees

- Royalties and timber fees paid

- Monitoring harvest and corrective actions

- Customary cutting rights accepted

RIL VERIFIED

Reduced Impact Logging
in a modular system

- Tropical Forest Foundation, TFF, (US) launched concept of "RIL Verified" in 2003.

- August 2003, first shipment "RIL Verified" Meranti from Indonesia arrives at Norfolk

- RV = harvested using RIL and legal

Reduced Impact Logging
in a modular system

- TFF is considering to develop RIL standard (C & I)

- Standard might comprise:

  – RIL technology elements (moduls for mapping road design, felling, skidding, safety etc.)

  – Outcome requirements (status of residual stand)

  – Components of the management system (plan, act, check, improve)

  – Training and education level

Reduced Impact Logging
in a modular system

- RIL standard may fit in modular system towards SFM

- "RIL Verified" could well fit in phased approach

Communication
Legal Origin and RIL Verified

Requirements:

- Communication must prevent confusion and wrong interpretation in the market

- Communication must be effective as to providing market access.

Solutions:

- Business to Business (off product information)

- PR for the Reliability of companies