

Summary of the verification scheme

Name of system	Legality Verification with Wood Product Identification
Related area	All over Japan, Worldwide
Overview of verification	Party responsible for issuing verification
	Name: Forest-product Identification Promotion Conference (FIPC) Location: Nagatacho Bldg. 2-4-3, Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo Communication: Tel: +81-3-3580-3215
	Outline of issuing process
	To become a member of this Conference with an aim to voluntarily indicate the place of origin, tree species, and type of wood processing. When its capacity sufficient to verify own legality based on the guidelines of the Forestry Agency is determined, the member can attach the "L" mark to the Conference's logo. Timber and timber products with the logo are recognized as being certified in legality.
	The system verifies legality only.
Scheme to check legality at the time of logging	Definition of legality
	As the precondition, necessary procedures must be completed under the Forest Law.
	Relevant laws
	Forest Law
	Details of presumed illegal activities
	Illegal logging, if any.
	Documents to verify legality, procedures of their retention/verification
	Each business entity retains legality certificates submitted by timber suppliers.
	Scheme implemented by the third party, administrative authority, etc. to ensure reliability
	This is a voluntary regulation which is not certified by a third party. Strictness and penalty system of the quality examination
Scheme to check for sustainability	Definition of sustainability
	Documents to verify sustainability, procedures of their retention/verification
	Scheme implemented by the third party, administrative authority, etc. to ensure reliability
Scheme of separative custody management	Real picture of the dealings, from logging to export
	Circle of legality certification
	Procedure for ensuring separative custody management
	Respect of autonomy
	Scheme implemented by the third party, administrative authority, etc. to ensure reliability
Future Task and Perspectives	None
	Criticisms against the system and recognition of problems
	Remediation procedure
Reference Author	Future perspectives
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