

International seminar for tackling illegal logging, 2007 II in Yokohama Invitation for Report Presenters

Since April 2006, the Government of Japan has started to implement measures to promote the purchase of wood and wood products verified for their legality and sustainability in order to address the global issue of illegal logging and to encourage the procurement of environmental friendly products. As a part of this measure, the Forestry Agency of Japan developed “a guideline for the verification of legality and sustainability of wood and wood products” in February 2006, and announced it to the world and Japan, while promoting the development of a supply system based on this guideline. In order to encourage and disseminate the use of wood products verified for their legality and sustainability, the Japan Federation of the Wood Industry Association is hosting the captioned seminar from December 3 to 4, 2007, as a part of its project to promote comprehensive measures to tackle illegal logging. (Please refer to the attached seminar implementation plan for details.) The Federation would like to invite relevant personnel to make a presentation under the theme “Verification system of legality and sustainability of wood and wood products by exporting countries” of the seminar program, and would appreciate your applications.

1. Eligible individuals

Any personnel responsible for the construction of verification system, or any other appropriate personnel suitable to explain the verification system, at verification-issuing organizations/exporters who issue or are preparing to issue verification on the legality or sustainability of export timber in line with the Japanese guidelines or at organizations guaranteeing the reliability of the verification in countries or regions exporting timber to Japan.

2. Outline of the report presentation

(1) Forest management of the related region and Japan's procurement policy

Outline of the forest law enforcement and governance in the region and a general evaluation of the current situation in forest management / Evaluation of Japan's Green Purchasing Law and the Guideline, and their impacts on the forest management in the related region

(2) Japan's Guideline and its relation to the certificates

The items verified by the verification / mechanisms to check the legality at the time of the logging / mechanisms to check sustainability / mechanisms for separation management

(3) Future challenges

Problems in the current verification system and the issues to be improved in the future

3. Participation in the Seminar

Presenters are, in principle, requested to participate in the Seminar and provide their presentation either orally or in the form of poster sessions.

4. Invitation schedule

September 30, 2007 Closing day for applications (Use the attached application form, write a brief profile of the presenter and the outline of the report on the verification system, and submit it to the Secretariat).

The middle of October, 2007 Determination of the Program

(The result of application review to be announced)

The beginning of November, 2007 Closing day for the submission of presentation outline

The middle of November, 2007 Closing day for the submission of presentation data

December 3 and 4, 2007 Seminars to be held

5. Treatment of reports submitted

After the review, the reports will be distributed as seminar materials. In addition, the reports will be published as a part of the seminar report and presented on the legal logging page of the Council for Tackling Illegal Logging Issue's web site (<http://goho-wood.jp/>), along with the outline of discussions during the Seminar.

Application Form for Voluntary Paper
for International Seminar for Tackling Illegal Logging, 2007 II in Yokohama
"A credible and distributable system for verifying
Goho(=legal) wood and wood products"

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Country Code Area Code Number	Country Code Area Code Number
Related Verification system	
Name of the system	
Responsible organization	
Present situation	Running since / / Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Paper	
Title	
Outline	no more than 150 words

Summary of the verification scheme

Name of the system	Name in home language Name in English xxx verification system
Related Area	Region /Country
General overview of verification	Party responsible for issuing verification
	Name Location Communication
	Outline of issuing process
	(Copy of verification documents should be attached)
	The system shall verify legality only /or both sustainability
Scheme to check for legality at the time of logging	Definition of legality
	Relevant laws
	Details of presumed illegal activities
	Procedures for retaining and verifying the evidence
	Scheme implemented by the third party and so on to ensure reliability
Scheme to check for sustainability	Definition of sustainability
	Procedures for retaining and verifying the evidence
	Scheme implemented by the third party and so on to ensure reliability
Scheme of separative custody management	Real picture of the dealings, from logging to export
	Procedure for ensuring separative custody management
	Scheme implemented by the third party and so on to ensure reliability
Future Task and Perspectives	Criticisms against the system and recognition of problems
	Remediation procedure
	Future perspectives
Reference Author	Web site
	URL
	Contact

If the system verifies only legality this item would be omitted.

	Name Title Organization Email address
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