

### Comment Sheet

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#### **Outline of the Organization**

The ETTF was founded in the early sixties. It organizes 11 national timber trade federations.

Objectives, defend interest of members

Main Activities, lobby, advice

The aim of the ETTF is a.o.:

- to represent the interest of the timber trade in their dealings with the EU as well as other institutions and organizations both inside and outside the EU,
- to engage such issues whether professional, economic, ecological or fiscal likely to promote and to favor the consumption of timber.

The mission of the ETTF is a.o.:

- to make timber the sustainable choice
- to support international efforts to adress deforestation, governance and climate change
- to implement codes of conducts

#### **Basic Policies of the organization on illegal logging issues and its activities**

- ETTF has a code of conduct obliging its members not te be involved in illegal activities
- At the moment mainly preparing for upcoming EUTR (effective from 3 March 2013)

#### **Topics1 General Evaluation of Japan's Action for illegal logging issue**

ETTF Receives very positive the Japanese scheme which encourages maximized number of companies to participate the effort to ensure the timber legality.

- Creates level playing field which doesn't differentiate in- and out side of the border.
- Prevents diversion of timber flows which possibly mitigate the risk of trading the illegal timber.

**Topics2 Possibility of Activities of Industry Associations for illegal logging issue in  
the context of Goho-wood**

ETTF supported the implementation of the EUTR, including the prohibition to place illegally produced timber on the market.

ETTF is supportive toward FLEGT and the closing of VPA's.

The members of ETTF are bound by a code of conduct. This code of conduct aims at banning all illegal activities.

Within the frame of the EUTR the ETTF has developed due diligence procedures.

Recently the ETTF launched the International Timber Trade Forum. This ITTF aims at liaising producers- and importers federations in order to exchange information on a.o. initiatives directed at banning illegal production.

At the same time members of the ITTF try to see to it that rules and regulations with regards to illegality such as EUTR, Lacey act and the Australian bill are based on the same principles.

ETTF promotes the use of if not sustainably the at least legally produced timber in public procurement.