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# ***UK Implementation of EUTR***

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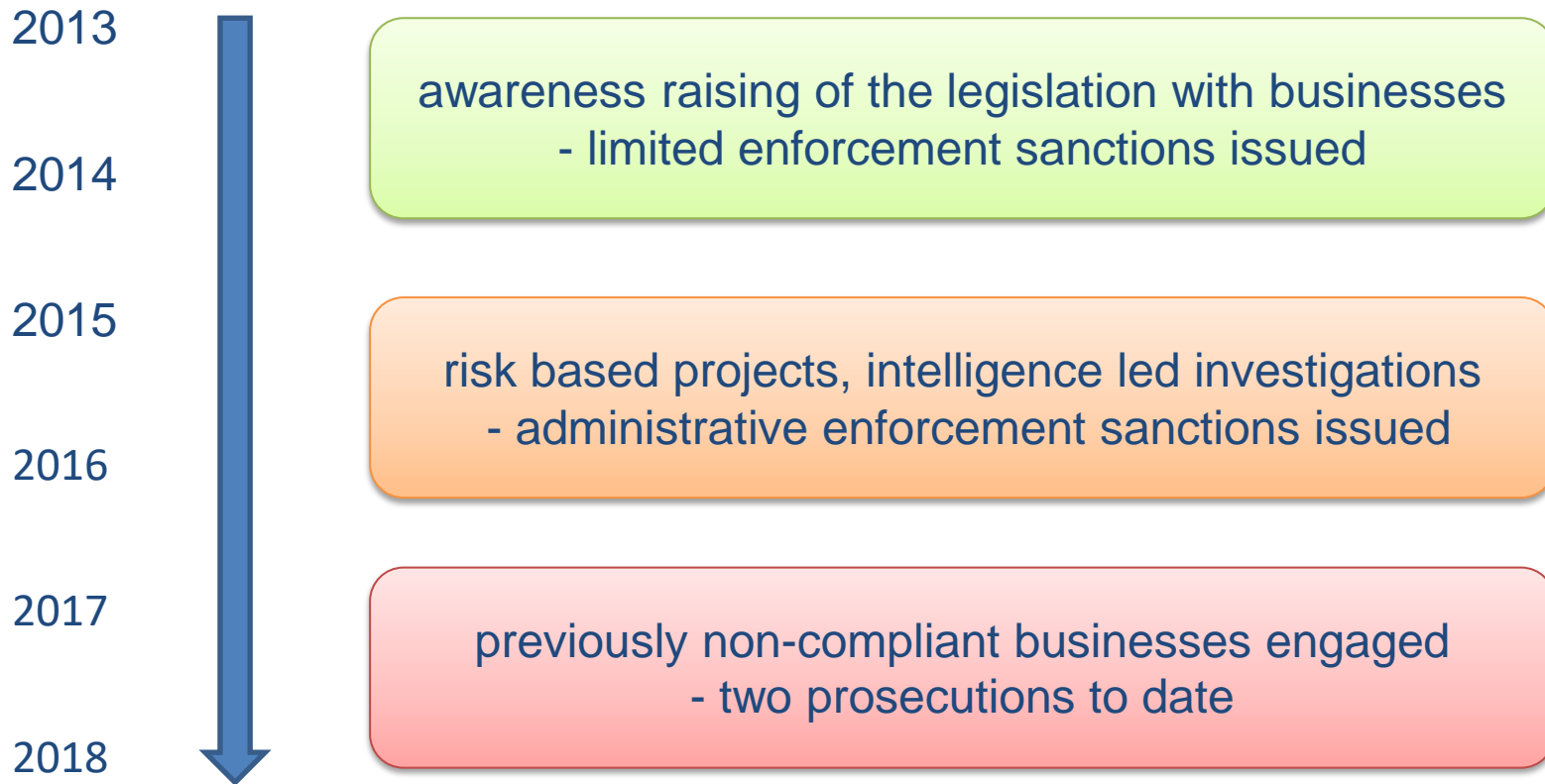
- Competent Authority responsible for enforcing EUTR in the UK
- National Regulator for 14 EU Regulations and Directives\*
- The Timber and Timber Products (Placing on the Market) Regulations 2013 (Outlines our powers, offences and penalties)
- The UK will retain its own timber regulations post EU exit

\* Including: RoHS / Ecodesign & Energy Labelling / Nagoya Protocol / Alternative Fuels / Outdoor Noise / WEEE / Batteries / Heat Networks / Conflict Minerals / End of Life Vehicles

## ***Regulators' Code***

- open and transparent
- provide advice and guidance
- not to take enforcement action if an organisation asks a question or highlights a problem
- share information

# *History of Implementation*



## ***UK approach to enforcement***

- Enforcement projects are risk-based
  - Species
  - Country of origin
  - Product
  
- Enforcement investigations are intelligence led
  - Supply chain mapping
  - Substantiated concern
  - Sharing information with other EU Competent Authorities
  - Collaboration with other enforcement agencies
  - Follow up on previous non-compliance

## *Who do we engage with?*

- **Operators:** Identified using import data
- **Traders:** Bottom-up mapping and product testing
- **Other Regulators:** Coordinate activities and share best practice
- **Civil Society Groups:** Country risks and substantiated concerns
- **Trade Associations:** Share knowledge and build understanding
- **Timber Expert Panel:** Open forum of the above with input from relevant external bodies and speakers

# *Testing*

- Anatomical
- DNA
- Isotope

Last year, around 40% of products tested showed results that differed from information within the Due Diligence presented to the CA.

## ***Enforcement Sanctions***

- Warning Letter/Guidance
- Notice of remedial action
- Prosecution

Following a sanction to a non-compliant business, it will be placed on our register to be re-engaged with.



# *Timber Prosecution*

## ➤ Lombok Furniture:

Visited twice in 2015 and found to be non-compliant – issued with a warning letter and an NRA in relation to teak desk.

Revisited in late 2016 – reviewed furniture from India

## ➤ Hardwood Dimensions Holdings Ltd:

Visited Devon Hardwoods in 2015 – issued NRA in relation to Iroko

Visited Hardwood Dimensions – March 2017 – reviewed Ayous import

# *Recent Enforcement Activities*

## Recent Enforcement Projects:

- Timber from non-timber source countries
- Malaysian Timber
- Tropical Hardwood
- Turkey
- Oak/Teak products (testing)
- Ivory Coast
- Risk Register
  
- Substantiated Concerns
- Follow-up with businesses previously issued sanctions
- Two prosecutions
- **Publish sanctions**
- Mixed picture in terms of compliance – from a lack of awareness to failure to mitigate risks properly throughout the supply chain
- Within ‘timber supply chains’ the information gathering elements seem to have formed part of BAU so discussions tend to focus on risk assessment and risk mitigation

# *Supporting business*

- Workshops
- Feedback
- Guidance
- Tools
- Ensuring a level playing field

# Any Questions?

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