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

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

2013
- awareness raising of the legislation with businesses
  - limited enforcement sanctions issued

2014

2015
- risk based projects, intelligence led investigations
  - administrative enforcement sanctions issued

2016

2017
- previously non-compliant businesses engaged
  - two prosecutions to date

2018

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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

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Supporting business

- Workshops
- Feedback
- Guidance
- Tools
- Ensuring a level playing field
Any Questions?

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