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The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPA) launches the State Information System on timber trade in Spain: "Lignum".

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The MAPA Sector Conference on Agriculture and Rural Development approves the new National Plan for the control of the legality of marketed timber.

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Spain collaborates in the world conference of forest crime.

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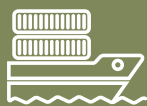
2019 Campaign for the submission of declarations of responsibility on marketed timber

From 1 January to 31 March 2019 the EUTR agents can submit the 2018 declarations of responsibility by means of the computer application "EUTR", which is free and online and, like last year, makes the application of Spanish and EU regulations on the legality of the marketing of timber and its products easier.

The forest owners, auctioneers or importing companies must submit, before 31 March, a declaration of responsibility with the information of the timber products that they have marketed the previous year to the relevant autonomous authority in where they have their registered address or headquarters.

The online IT application EUTR is available in order to submit the declaration

<https://servicio.mapama.gob.es/eutr/>.



Risky imports

There is still a high risk of importation of illegal teak timber obtained from Myanmar and Ipê timber from Brazil.

At the meetings held on 27 September and 7 December 2018, **the European Union's FLEGT and EUTR Expert Group** reasserted its opinion on imports of teak timber from Myanmar before 2017: It is not possible for agents to properly mitigate the risk of illegal logging. None of the guarantees, evidence and proof received by the relevant authorities of the Member States have been sufficient to demonstrate appropriate compliance with the due diligence obligations of the EUTR Regulation.

In this regard, the German Relevant Authority, the Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE) published, on 13 June 2018, a **press release** on the high risk of imports of teak from Myanmar. This press release highlights that, due to the combination of a high rate of deforestation and a high level of corruption in this country, the risk of introducing timber or timber products obtained illegally in the EU is not negligible by the agents.

Likewise, at the meeting held on 7 December 2018, the **FLEGT/EUTR Expert Group of the European Union** adopted the conclusions on Brazil.

At the meeting, assistants stated that there is an overestimation with regard to the volumes of valuable timber available for felling, especially regarding Ipê timber (*Tabebuia impetiginosa* and *T. serratifolia*), but also other timber such as Massuranduba and Angelim vermelho, which occurs in particular, in concessions close to protected areas. This is worsening due to the high risk of corruption and the links with the crimes committed against the rights of indigenous people and in situations of semi-slavery.

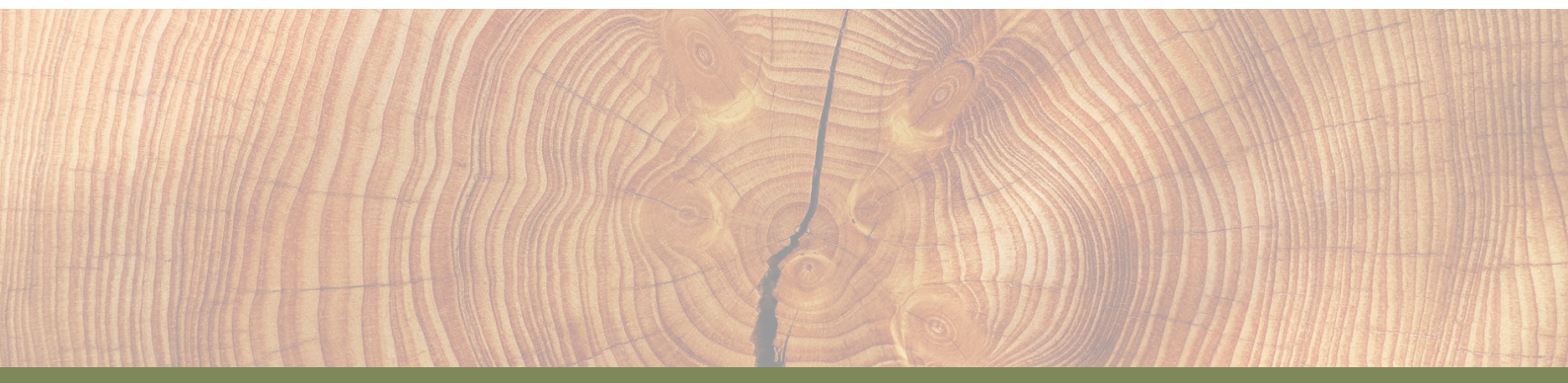
This occurs mainly in the Brazilian basin of the Amazon, in the states of Rondonia, Pará, Mato Grosso and Amazonas.

For this reason, Agents importing timber from the Brazilian Amazon should take appropriate risk mitigation measures, not basing the result of their risk analysis solely on documentary controls but on factual checks carried out by third parties.

Complex situation in Ukraine

Two independent studies have shown the high level of corruption and illegality in the Ukrainian forestry sector, which was first exposed in an **EarthSight** report in July 2018.

The country has been reinforcing the fight against illegal logging throughout 2017 and 2018, and the European Union is cooperating with them within the framework of the reform of its forestry sector. However, until this situation is improved, Agents are recommended to improve risk analysis and mitigation in marketing timber from this country.





Working to comply with #maderalegal requirements

The MAPA works at different levels in order to optimise the effectiveness of the norm and guarantee the respect of forestry, commercial and social regulations related with timber use.

International Coordination

- ▶ **FLEGT/EUTR Expert Group of the European Commission.** *Brussels, on 27 September and 7 December 2018.* Commission meetings with the 28 Member States in order to unify criteria for applying FLEGT and EUTR regulations within the EU. ([See](#) information on the Group meetings).
- ▶ **EU-Indonesia Technical Seminar on the implementation of the FLEGT Voluntary Partnership Agreement.** *Brussels, on 13 November 2018.* Exchange of experiences in the implementation of the Indonesian FLEGT licensing system and its acceptance in Europe.
- ▶ **International TREE process (Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange).** *Hamburg (Germany), 1on 1-12 October 2018.* Analysing the evolution of the last 5 years since the launch of the EUTR Regulation of the European Union.
- ▶ **World conference on forest crimes.** *Lyon, on 10 September 2018.* Exploring ways to boost global forest security by means of technological innovation and increased international police cooperation

National Coordination

- ▶ **MAPA Sectoral Conference on Agriculture and Rural Development.** *Madrid, on 08 October 2018.* Approval of the new National Plan for the control of the legality of marketed timber



Communication to comply with #maderalegal requirements

We participate and foster different courses to communicate the obligations in the EUTR

- ▶ **Phytosanitary legislation, control and inspection: harmonization of procedures. On-line,** On 21 November 2018, the FLEGT Licensing System was presented: Control Activities and Principles of Timber Identification in commercial shipments.
- ▶ **Meeting for the Implementation of the EUTR Regulation in Spain for the SEPRONA.** MAPA and Spanish Civil Guard. Madrid, on 26 September 2018. Training for the Spanish Civil Guard for the EUTR inspections campaign to be held at the beginning of 2019.
- ▶ **Course on sustainability and legality of forest products, EUTR Regulation. PFFC Forest Certificate in the sustainable development goals.** PEFC España within the Innova Verde Project. Madrid, on 12 December 2018 MAPA participation. Knowing the EUTR regulations and the role of the forest certification to ensure the legality, sustainability and traceability of timber.



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The @mapagob launches #LIGNUM, the state system of information on the trade of timber
in #España #maderalegal

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