



Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Australia's action to combat illegal logging

Information for timber importers and import brokers



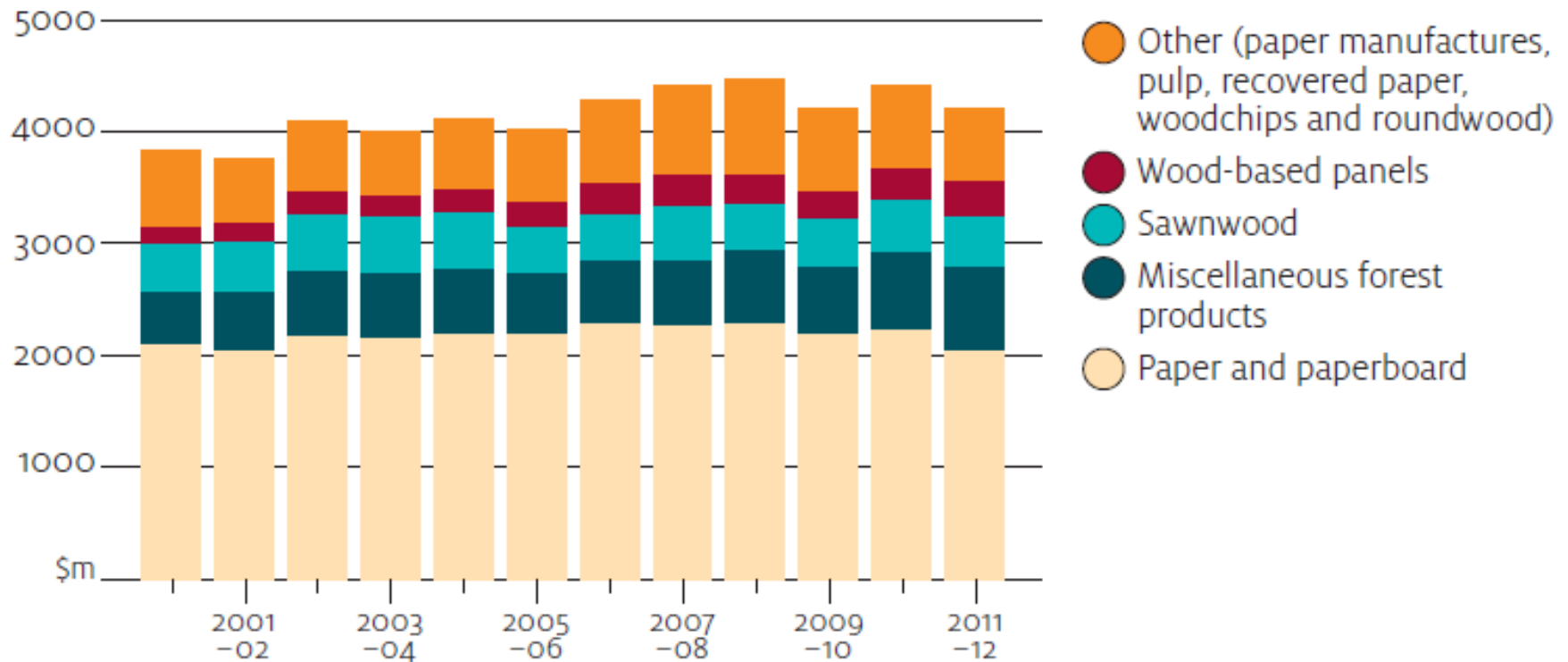
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The laws in Australia are changing...

- What are the regulated timber products?
- What are the due diligence requirements?
- What is the role of third party certification and Country Specific Guidelines?

Australia's trade in timber

FIGURE 8 Imports of wood products, by sector, 2000–01 to 2011–12

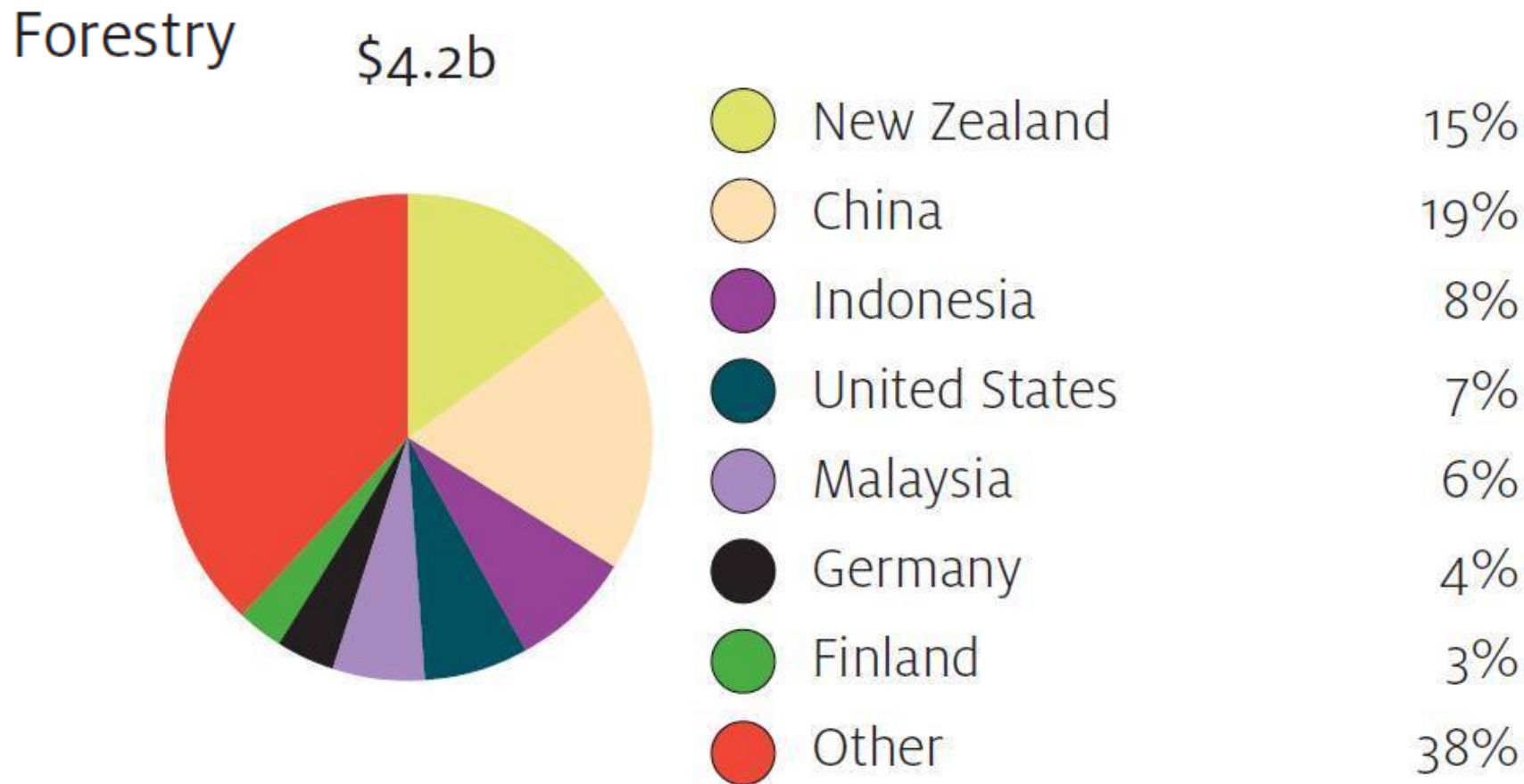


Note: Data taken from Table 23 of this publication.

Data sources: ABARES; ABS; EWPA

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FIGURE 3 Sources of Australian merchandise imports in 2011–12 dollars



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TABLE 29 Value of Australian forest products trade, by selected countries

	2006–07	2007–08	2008–09	2009–10	2010–11	2011–12
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Exports						
China	270	360	390	394	544	534
Hong Kong	72	54	51	68	42	39
Japan	888	965	860	774	745	579
Korea, Rep. of	116	91	103	48	40	40
Malaysia	48	57	78	82	106	112
New Zealand	365	375	324	319	314	306
Taiwan	83	88	77	88	79	68
Imports						
China	509	547	611	624	680	797
Finland	248	272	274	171	143	120
Germany	190	178	167	178	183	147
Indonesia	404	336	374	351	332	342
Malaysia	199	209	215	217	228	233
New Zealand	741	790	744	703	715	634
United States	276	289	320	313	285	297

What is changing?

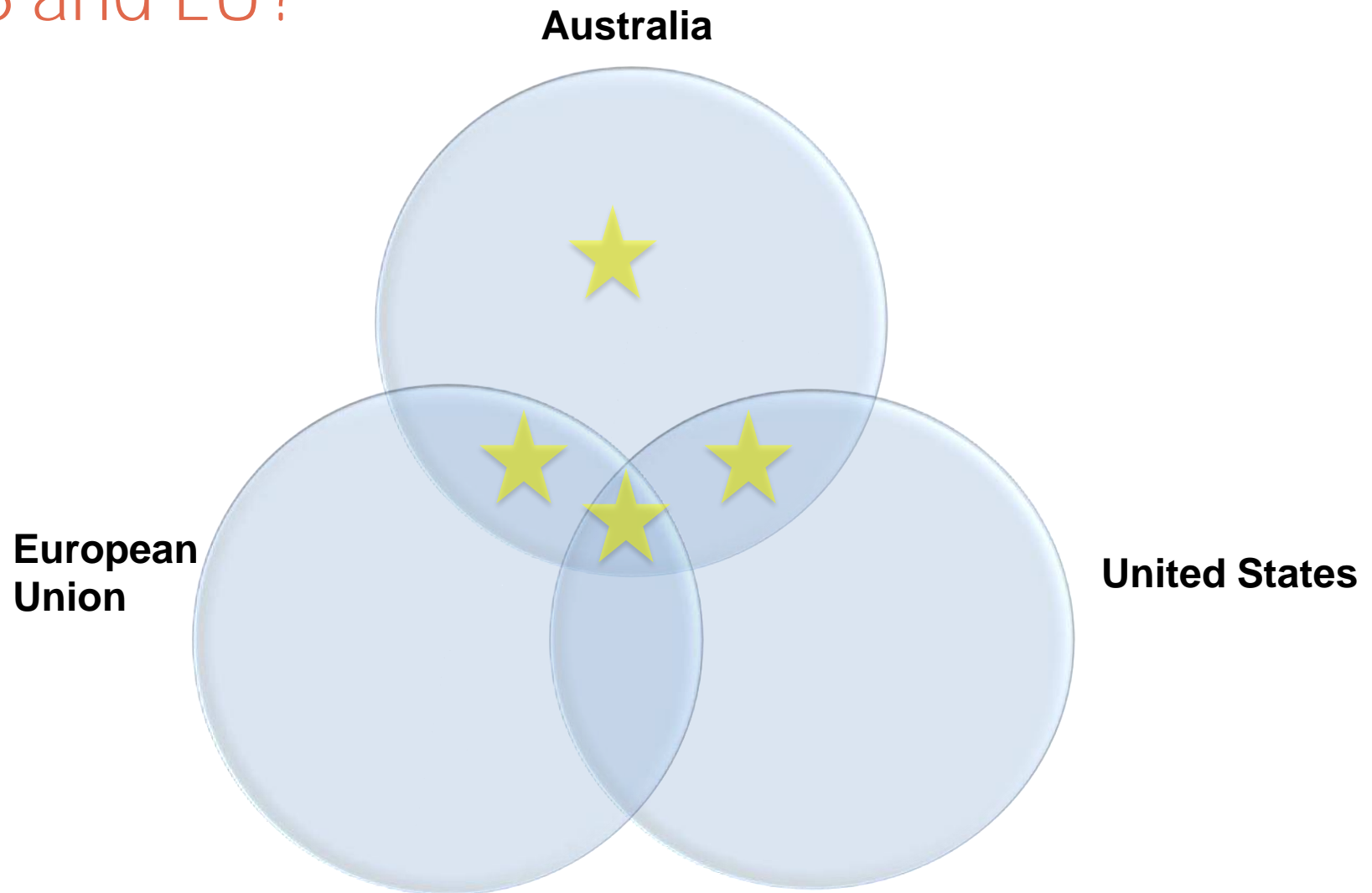
Australian importers must not import illegally logged timber or timber products into Australia.

From 30 November 2014, Australian importers of regulated timber products will have to do due diligence *before* they import.

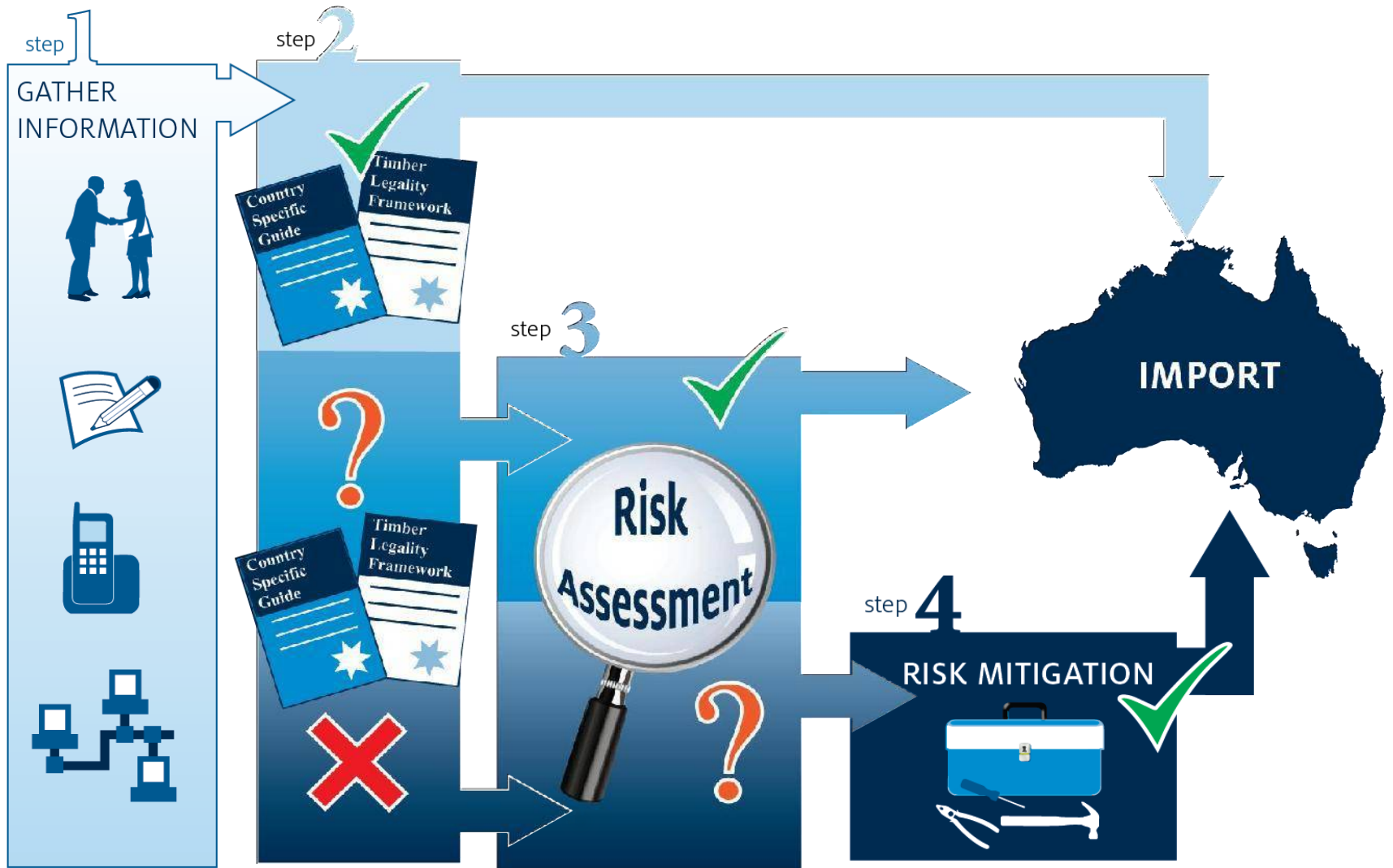
What are the regulated timber products?

	4403	wood in the rough		
	4407	wood sawn or chipped lengthwise		
	4408	sheets for veneering (including those obtained by slicing laminated wood)	4801	newsprint, in rolls or sheets
	4409.10.00	wood - coniferous	4802	uncoated paper and paperboard
	4409.29.00	wood - -non-coniferous--other.	4803	toilet or facial tissue stock, towel or napkin
Chapter 44	4410	particle board	4804	uncoated kraft paper and paperboard
	4411	fibreboard of wood or other ligneous materials	4805	other uncoated paper and paperboard
	4412	plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood	4806.20.00	vegetable parchment, greaseproof papers
	4413.00.00	densified wood	4806.30.00	vegetable parchment, greaseproof papers
	4414.00.00	wooden frames for paintings	4806.40.00	vegetable parchment-glassine and other glazed transparent or translucent papers
	4416.00.00	casks, barrels, vats ...	4807.00.00	composite paper and paperboard
	4418	builders' joinery and carpentry of wood	4808	paper and paperboard, corrugated
	4701.00.00	mechanical wood pulp	4809	carbon paper, self-copy paper and other copying or transfer papers
	4702.00.00	chemical wood pulp, dissolving grades	4810	paper and paperboard
Chapter 47	4703	chemical wood pulp, soda or sulphate, other than dissolving grades	4811	paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibres
	4704	chemical wood pulp, sulphite, other than dissolving grades	4813	cigarette paper
	4705.00.00	wood pulp obtained by a combination of mechanical and chemical pulping processes	4816	carbon paper
	9401.61.00	seats - other seats, with wooden frames-upholstered	4817	envelopes, letter cards, plain postcards and correspondence cards, of paper or paperboard
	9401.69.00	seats - other seats with wooden frames- other	4818	toilet paper and similar paper
	9403.30.00	other furniture and parts thereof -wooden furniture of a kind used in offices	4819	cartons, boxes, cases, bags and other packing containers
Chapter 94	9403.40.00	other furniture and parts thereof - wooden furniture of a kind used in the kitchen	4820	registers, account books, note books
	9403.50.00	other furniture and parts thereof - wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom	4821	paper or paperboard labels of all kinds, whether or not printed
	9403.60.00	other furniture and parts thereof - other wooden furniture	4823	other paper, paperboard, cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibres, cut to size or shape
	9403.90.00	other furniture and parts thereof - parts		
	9406.00.00	prefabricated buildings		

How do Australia's products compare to US and EU?



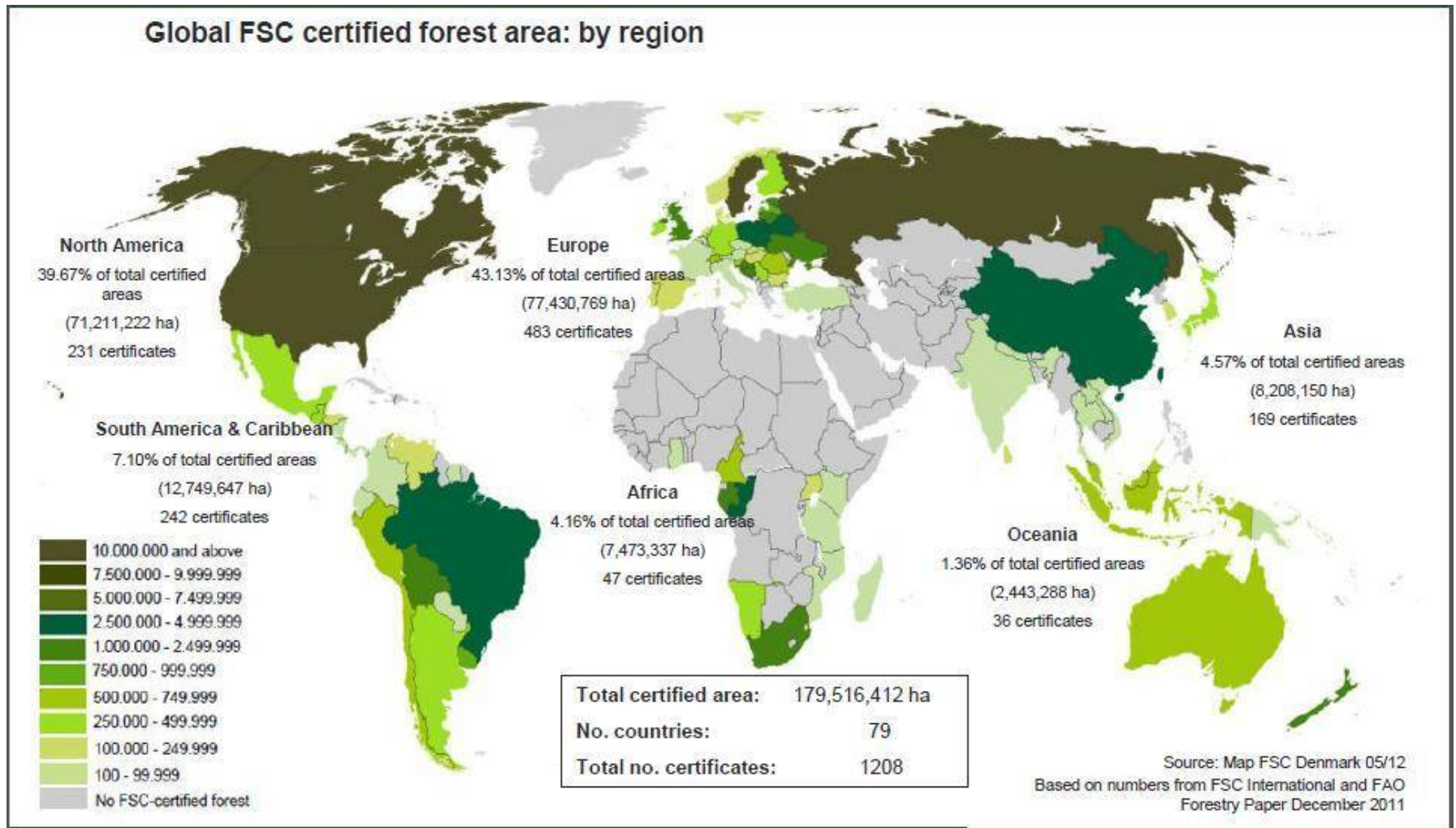
What is due diligence?



Timber Legality Frameworks

1. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Forest Management certification
2. Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)
International Forest certification scheme
3. EU FLEGT Licensing

FSC Forest Management certification



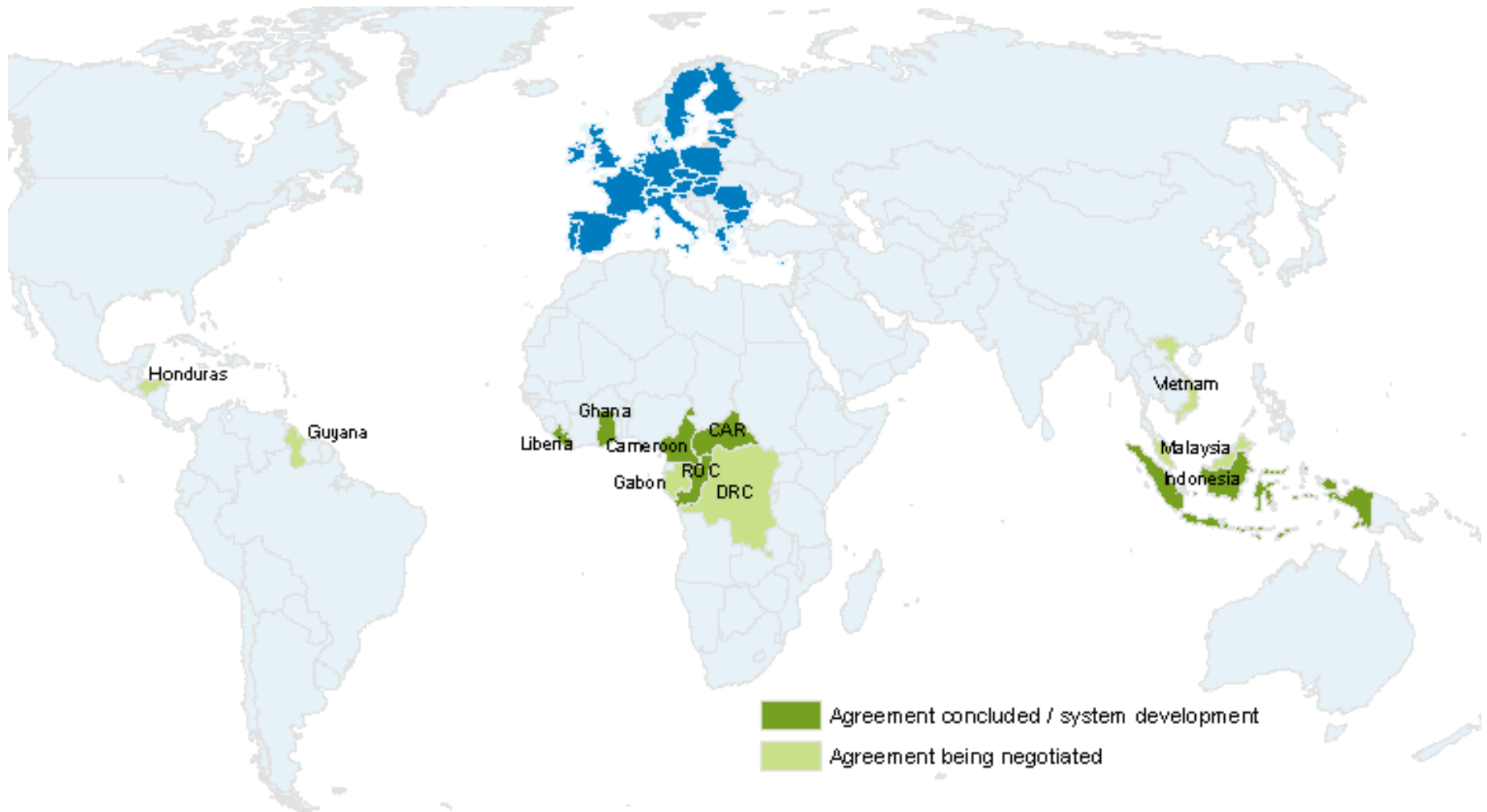
Source: <https://ic.fsc.org/download.facts-and-figures-may-2013.a-1918.pdf>

PEFC International forest certification scheme

- About 244 million hectares of forest area (or 603 million acres) are managed in compliance with PEFC's internationally accepted Sustainability Benchmarks.
- Two-thirds of all certified forests globally are certified to PEFC.
- 35 national members and 31 endorsed national certification systems have joined forces under the PEFC umbrella to collaboratively promote sustainable forest management.

Source: <http://www.pefc.org/about-pefc/who-we-are/facts-a-figures>

EU FLEGT Licensing – Voluntary Partnership Agreements



How much will these 3 schemes cover?

Country*	FSC Certified Forest Area (ha)	PEFC Certified Forest Area (ha)	EU FLEGT VPA
United States	14,207,081	34,421,207	-
Italy	53,550	765,662	-
China	3,069,882	0	-
Indonesia	1,725,972	0	YES
Malaysia	469,450	4,595,484	YES
New Zealand	1,452,255	0	-
Finland	431,813	21,068,333	-
Germany	563,084	7,384,800	-

*These 8 countries are selected based on general timber trade figures – see slide 4.

Country Specific Guidelines

Co-developed by the Commonwealth Government of Australia and the Government of the relevant trading partner

Will enable an Australian importer to recognise “what legality looks like” for products they import

What will happen at the Border?

There will be an additional question as part of your existing Declaration to Customs.

It will ask if you have complied with your due diligence obligations.

If you answer 'no' goods will not be stopped at the border, but DAFF will follow-up with importer.

How will DAFF support this?

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Sessions

*Importers &
Processors around
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July – September 2013

Education
Package

Develop with
industry

September 2013 – January 2014

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