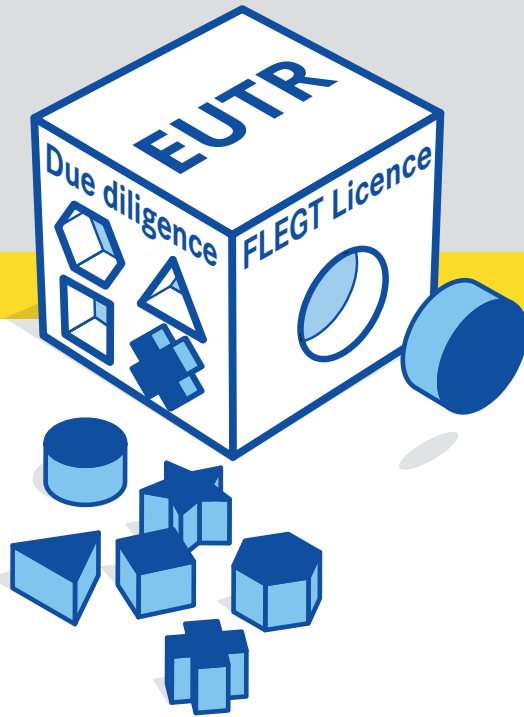


FLEGT licensed timber



The Social, Environmental and Economic benefits

FLEGT stands for Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade.

FLEGT-licensed timber products are best known for their verified legality – they **automatically comply with the EU Timber Regulation**.

Less well-known are their considerable social, environmental and economic credentials.

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■ FLEGT licensing brings social, environmental and economic benefits

FLEGT licences show that a country manages its forests in line with forest management and environment laws, as well as labour and community welfare legislation. They show that logging rights have been granted according to the law, and that timber is legally harvested. The licences also confirm that products comply with legal requirements for trade and export, and that required taxes and fees are paid.

■ FLEGT licensing operates at the scale needed for sustainability

FLEGT licensing covers the entire country, not just selected areas or individual operators. This means a country issuing FLEGT licences is ensuring that all of its forests, and entire supply chains, are managed in line with national laws related to forest management, harvesting, processing, transport and trade. This raises standards across the entire forestry sector.



FLEGT-licensed timber products come with unprecedented scrutiny

Compulsory independent audits boost the credibility of FLEGT licences. The EU and partner country oversee the audits, which meet international standards. Independent forest monitoring by civil society groups provides further scrutiny. The EU and its FLEGT partner countries set up mechanisms to receive and address complaints raised by civil society and others. The EU and each FLEGT-licensing country also monitor the social, economic and environmental impacts of their FLEGT trade agreement, and act to address any adverse effects of forestry industry operations on local communities.

