



# Timber Legality Verification Schemes

A research programme of the Chinese Academy of Forestry in collaboration with ProForest

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We aim to provide you a regular update on actions and work progress in relation to this research project on timber legality verification schemes.

In this issue, we provide an update on:

**Activity 1 Market requirements for legal timber and timber products, in particular the requirements of the EU Market**

**Output: Report on analysis on market requirements for legal timber and timber products in English and Chinese**

## What has been done so far?

1. Work plan agreed between RIFPI and ProForest
2. Produced a flyer in English and Chinese
3. Developed a questionnaire to be used to collect information from companies in the EU who buy timber products from China
4. Initiated contacts with selected timber trade federations in the EU
5. Developed framework for analysing market requirements

## What's next?

6. Send flyers and questionnaire to the timber trade federations in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and the UK with request for a list of members who purchase timber products from China. These countries are the top 7 importers of timber products from China. To be completed by the end of November 09.
7. Contact companies in the EU to talk through the questionnaire. To be completed by the end of November 09.
8. Desk study on an overview of various requirements for legality and sustainability including regulations (US Lacey Act, proposed EU Due Diligence Regulation), public procurement policies in the EU (Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands and the UK), private sector policy covering both timber trade federations and private companies, and NGO initiatives such as TFT, and GFTN. To be completed by the end of November 09.
9. Workshop in Beijing in 2009. Date to be confirmed.

## background

The Research Institute of Forestry Policy and Information (RIFPI) of the Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF) is leading on a 'Timber Legality Verification Schemes' project in collaboration with ProForest. The objective of this project is to provide detailed proposals to the Chinese Government on the establishment of a practical timber legality verification scheme which suits the forest products trade in China, and thereby promoting the utilisation of legally produced timber products in international trade. Financial support is being provided by the UK Departments for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and International Development (DFID) together with the State Forestry Administration of China. This project started in October 2009 and aims to finish by July 2011. During these two years, RIFPI and ProForest will carry out 6 activities including desk study and interviews on market requirements in the EU, an inventory of legality verification schemes, workshops, pilot testing and policy recommendations.



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我们的目的是给读者提供有关木材合法性认定体系研究的最新活动和工作进展情况。这期我们提供的最新信息有：

**活动1：合法木材和木材产品的市场需求研究，特别是欧盟的市场需求**

产出：合法木材和木材产品的市场需求的分析报告（中英文）

## 目前已完成？

1. 中国林科院科信所和ProForest已制定工作计划
2. 制作了中英文的宣传单（见附件）
3. 制作了从欧盟企业收集信息的问卷，这些企业从中国购买木材产品
4. 与欧盟的几家木材贸易协会建立了初步的联系
5. 建立了分析市场需求的研究框架

## 下一步？

6. 给从中国进口木材产品的前7个国家（比利时、法国、德国、意大利、荷兰、西班牙和英国）的木材贸易协会分发宣传册和调查问卷，问卷对从中国购买木材产品的企业进行咨询。此活动将于2009年11月底完成。
7. 通过调查问卷与欧盟企业建立联系。2009年11月底完成。
8. 对合法性和可持续性的不同需求的概述研究，包括各种规则（美国雷斯法案、欧盟提议的尽责调查法案），欧盟的公共采购政策（比利时、丹麦、法国、德国、荷兰和英国），私人部门的政策，包括木材协会和私人企业，以及像TFT和GFTN等NGO组织。2009年11月底完成。
9. 2009年在北京召开研讨会，时间待确定。

## 背景

中国林业科学研究院林业科技信息研究院（RIFPI）与ProForest合作研究“木材合法性认定体系”项目。该项目的目标是给中国政府建立一套适合中国林产品贸易的，可行的木材合法性认定体系提供建议，从而促进合法生产的木材产品在国际贸易中的使用。项目得到英国环境、食品及农村事务部（Defra）、英国国际发展部（DFID）和中国国家林业局的资金支持。项目开始于2009年10月，预计2011年7月完成。在这两年中，RIFPI和ProForest将开展6项活动，其中包括欧盟市场需求调查、合法性认定体系调研、研讨会、试点和政策建议。



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