Legal Timber Verification in China

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From 2009, China National Forest Products Industry Association, based on experience on timber legality verification from relevant countries, developed a whole set of technical documentations, upon the entrustment of the State Forestry Administration, including standard, procedures, markings and management methods for legal timber verification. From 2012, it initiated pilot work, with the expectation to eventually establish a scientific, standard and practical timber legality verification system, which meets international trend, suits for overall promotion and features Chinese characteristics.
I. Current situation of legal timber verification

The object of the pilot work mainly includes members of China National Forest Products Industry Association. While fulfilling timber legality verification, the enterprises involving in the pilot work shall sign a Convention for Enterprises on Self-discipline, in order to establish their awareness of social responsibility and sustainable development.
I. Current situation of legal timber verification

Main works:

Firstly, it developed a series of technical and management documentations, providing technical and institutional security for the pilot work, mainly including:


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1. Measures on Management of Timber Legality Verification 20131110.doc
2. Detailed Rules on Implementation of Measures of the P.R.C. on Management of Timber Legality Verification.doc
3. Convention on Self-discipline.doc
4. Procedures of Timber Legality Verification.doc
5. Application Form for Verification of Traders.doc
6. Application Form for Verification of Manufacturers.doc
7. Application Form for Verification of Forest Management Enterprises.docx
8. Chinese Marking and Certificate of Timber Legality Verification.ppt
9. Guidance on China's Timber Legality Verification
10. Audit List for CoC Legality Verification--for auditor only. doc
11. Audit List for Forest Management Legality Verification--for auditor only.docx
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Sample of Legal Timber Verification Certificate
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Secondly, it established the Office of Legal Timber Verification to be responsible for the pilot work, providing support as a division.
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Thirdly, it chose appropriate enterprises to carry out the pilot work. Among the voluntary applicants, it, considering the current development of Chinese forest industry, selected 8 enterprises covering the fields of resource cultivation, timber trading and processing, wood-based panel manufacturing, for the pilot work, through which it ensured the participants' representativeness.
The 8 enterprises firstly obtained Chinese Legal Timber Verification Certificate include:
Rizhao Zhongxing Forest Industry Co., Ltd.
Guangxi Sanwei Forest Industry Co., Ltd.
Dongguan Hongkai Industry Co., Ltd.
Beijing Zhengshicheng Timber Sales Center
Yichun Senmei Furniture Co., Ltd., Heilongjiang Province
Heilongjiang Tieli Longyuan Furniture Co., Ltd.
Shenzhen Yanjialong Industrial Development Co., Ltd.
Zhejiang Changfang Wood Industry Co., Ltd.
I. Current situation of legal timber verification

Fourthly, it established a traceable information management system, ensuring the traceability of information concerning timber legality verification, and systematic, standard and efficient verification. The application and registration, information submission and some reviews were fulfilled in the system.
Information Management System of Legal Timber Verification
## Platform for Enterprise Application and Information Submission

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I. Current situation of legal timber verification

Fifthly, it built capacity on auditing for verification, including training and selection of auditors. It organized 700 enterprises for training on the latest development of CITES and basic principles of legal timber verification, through which it fulfilled wide publicity to enterprises in collaboration with relevant authority.
II. Main characteristics of the pilot work

**Firstly**, voluntary. The pilot work was started from members of China Natinal Forest Products Industry Association, which were selected in the principle of "being representative" after voluntary application.

**Secondly**, easy start but difficult ending. The selected enterprises for the pilot work are mainly those at medium size and with relatively simple monitoring chain, and selected importer countries are mainly those with relatively lower risks.
II. Main characteristics of the pilot work

Thirdly, scientific, precise and standard. The pilot work has set out a strict rules on procedures for development of technical and management documents, selection of piloted enterprise, field audit, establishment of expert consultation mechanism, as well as measures on later monitoring and safeguarding. Also, it borrowed advanced international practices to ensure a systematic, scientific and standard verification.
II. Main characteristics of the pilot work

Fourthly, representative. The piloted enterprises shall be representative in the fields of forest management, wood processing and timber trading, with their products, including wood flooring, plywood, fiberboard, sawn timber, rosewood and wood furniture.
II. Main characteristics of the pilot work

Fifthly, always considering international situation. The whole pilot work was planned and conducted on the basis of international experience, e.g. The items to be audited specified in the Measures on Management of Timber Legality Verification have fully referred to relevant provisions of US Lacey Act and EU Timber Regulations, in combination with the characteristics of Chinese forest management.
III. Some experience from the pilot work

Firstly, although only 8 enterprises were eventually chosen for the pilot work, a large number of operators and processors applied for it after it had been initiated, which reflected the actual need for legal timber verification.
III. Some experience from the pilot work

Secondly, we found that some enterprises need to improve or strengthen their capacity building, system building, establishment of corporate culture and access to international context.
III. Some experience from the pilot work

Thirdly, the said "legality" is closely related to legal system and policy making in each country. Most of raw materials used in processing enterprise include domestic and imported timbers. How to verify its legality in accordance with relevant documentations, and how to track and identify them in processing, there are many aspects in operation need to be improved.
IV. Next steps

Firstly, documentations concerning legal timber verification need to be amended and improved on the basis of experience and results from the pilot work, especially measures on management of verification, procedures of verification and rules on management of verification results.
IV. Next steps

Secondly, through communicating with main forest products trade partners in USA, EU, Africa and Southeast Asia, together with active publicizing Chinese legal timber verification system and results of pilot works, we will try to make our legal timber verification into one of the effective mechanisms to ensure the healthy development of forest product trade and settlement of relevant disputes, and empower it with increasingly important function in relevant trading activities.
IV. Next steps

Thirdly, we will establish an expert consultation committee, which consists of experts in identifying timber species, experts in foreign languages and experts in forestry policies and regulations in different countries.
Thank You!
# List of Enterprises for the Pilot Work of Legal Timber Verification

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