

Lao-EU FLEGT VPA Progress

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1. Background

- FLEGT VPA initiated in Lao PDR in 2013 with technical support from GIZ
 - Timber flow study
 - Compilation of legislation (Forestry legality compendium)
 - Establishment of FLEGT Standing Office (DOFI)
 - Establishment of offices in pilot provinces
 - FLEGT VPA capacity building and awareness raising with stakeholders
- Government officially mandated line ministries to enter into FLEGT VPA negotiation with EU in June 2015.
 - Establishment of national steering committee
 - Appointment of chief negotiator
 - Establishment of national support and development committee (NSDC) and technical working group (TWG).
 - TLAS development (Development of TLDs, supply chain controls, and verification of compliance)

2. FLEGT VPA Process in Lao PDR

Stakeholders involvement in FLEGT VPA Process in Lao PDR

- Government (MAF, MOIC, MONRE, MOF, etc.,)
- Private sector (Lao Furniture Association and Lao Wood Processing Association)
- Civil Society Organization (5 CSOs)

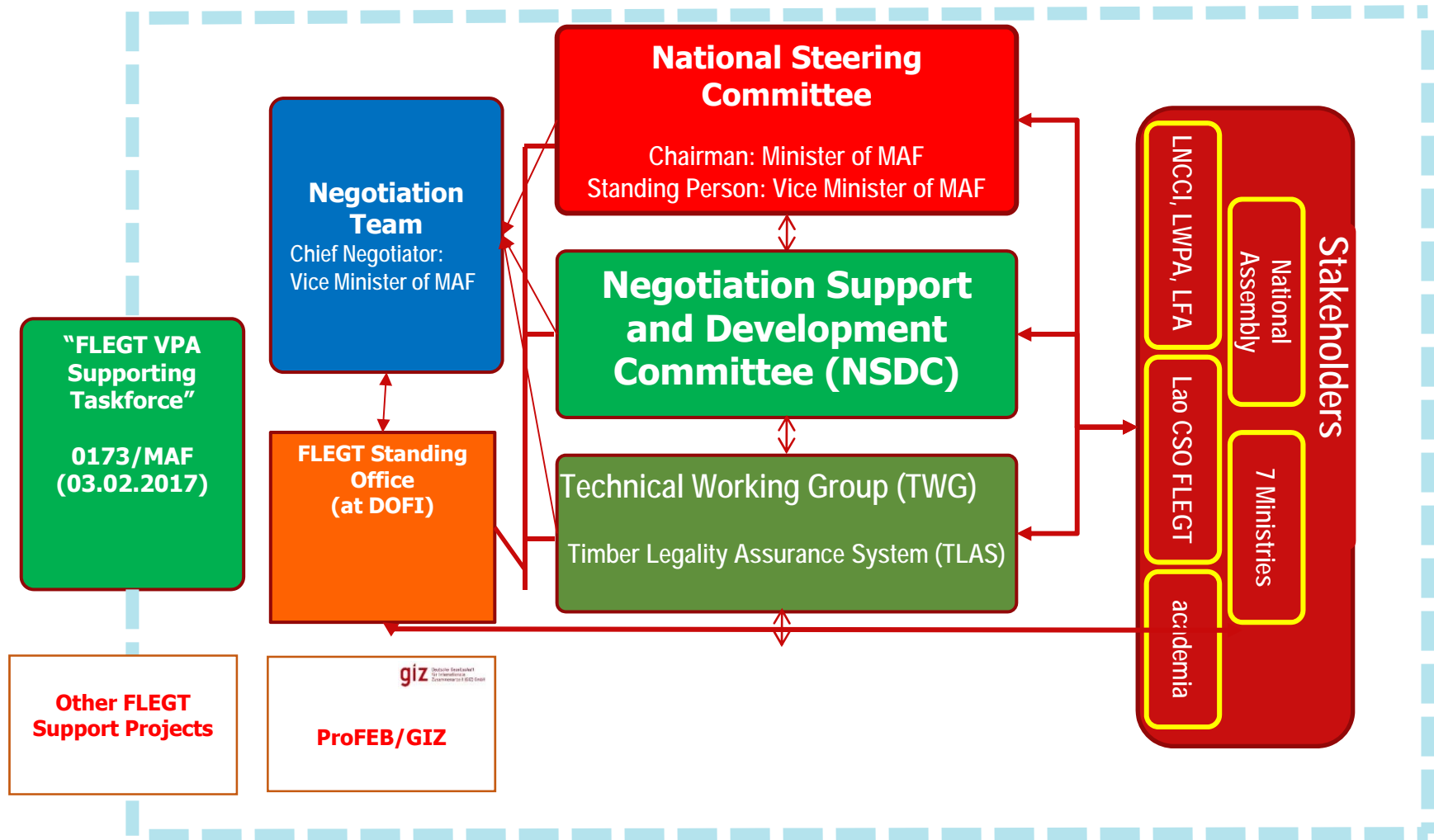
Coordination and Implementation

- FLEGT Standing Office (DOFI)

Lao-EU FLEGT VPA Support

- ProFEB/GIZ -Technical support

Institutional Setup for FLEGT VPA Process in Laos



3. Lao TLAS development (VPA Annex II)

“Ensure that timber and wood products from Laos to EU, other export markets and domestic market have been implemented according to national legislation”.

5. Independent Monitoring

1. Timber Legality Definitions (TLDs)

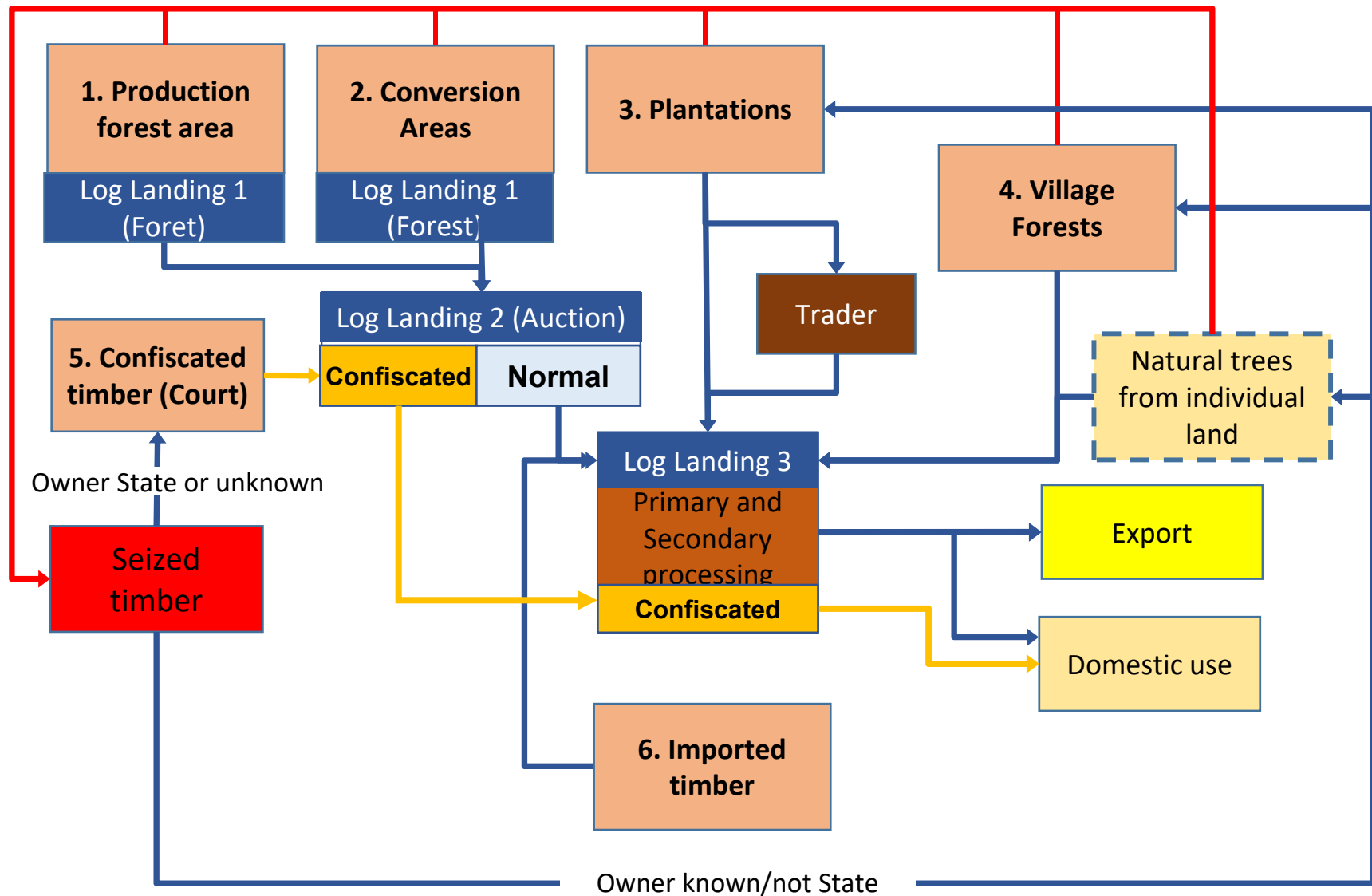
2. Timber Supply chain controls (TSCCs)

3. Verification of compliance of 1 and 2



4. Issuing of FLEGT Licenses

Lao TLAS development based on timber flow



Timber Legality Definitions (TLDs) in Lao PDR

TLDs based timber sources

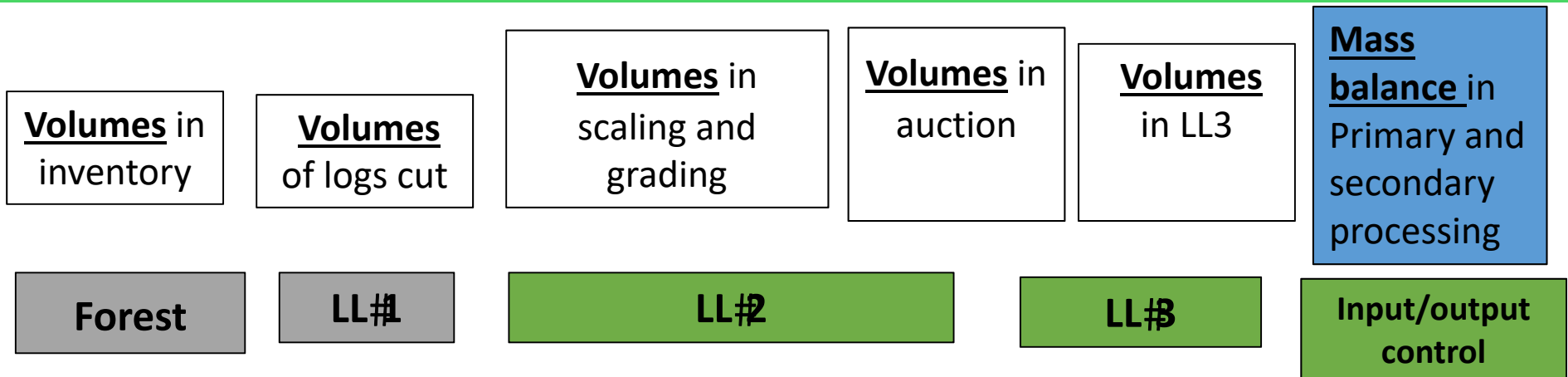
TLD 1: Production forest	TLD 2: Conversion areas	TLD 3: Plantation	TLD 4: Village use forest	TLD 5: Confiscated timber	TLD 6: Imported timber
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Cross-cutting TLDs

TLD 7: Labor obligations in harvesting, processing and trading operations

TLD 8: Wood processing and trade

Timber Supply chain controls (TSCCs) and related verification



- Ensure the legality of timber sources
- Avoid mixing illegal timber with legal timber
- Operational control: Recording of volumes
- Verification: validation and reconciliation

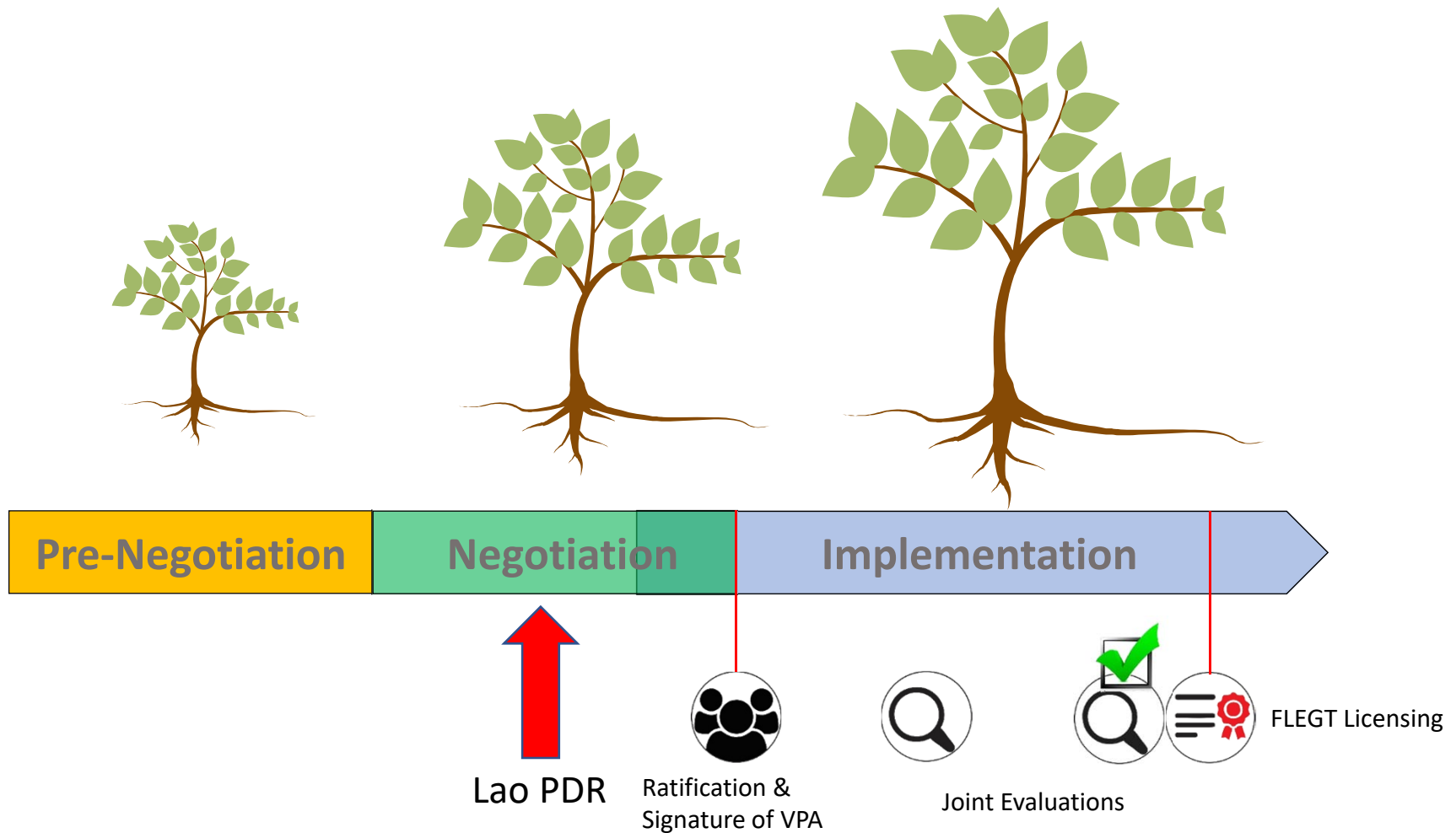
TSCCs in Forestry:

1. Production forest
2. Conversion areas
3. Plantation
4. Village use forest
5. Confiscated timber
6. Imported timber

TSCCs in processing and trade:

7. Mill supply chain controls
8. Trading of timber

4. VPA Process in General



Overall roadmap for VPA Negotiation in Lao PDR

No.	Negotiation elements	2017				2018				2019				2020				2021				2022			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
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2	Negotiation Meeting 2						X																		
3	Negotiation Meeting 3										X														
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5	Negotiation Meeting 5														X										
6	Negotiation Meeting 6																X								
7	Initialing of VPA																X								
8	Signing of VPA by Laos																			X					
9	Ratification of VPA by National Assembly																							X	
10	Implementation													>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>	>

5. Progress of VPA up to date

- Three TLDs were principally accepted by EU
 - TLD1 on Production forest
 - TLD7 on Labor obligations
 - TLD8 on Wood processing and trade
- Five advanced draft TLDs developed
 - TLD2 on Conversion areas
 - TLD3 on Plantation
 - TLD4 on Village use forest
 - TLD5 on Confiscated timber (Domestic market only)
 - TLD6 on Imported timber
- Draft Lao TLAS developed, presented and negotiated with EU at third face to face negotiation.
- Legislation being developed/improved (Forestry law (Amended), Decree on plantation promotion, draft COC in wood processing and forestry operation...)

6. Next steps: Agreed roadmap for the 4th negotiation

Description	2019			2020			
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Develop/improve TLD 2, TLD3 and TLD4 and Lao TLAS	x	x	x				
Share TLD 2, TLD 3, TLD 4 and Lao TLAS with EU			x				
Fourth Face-to-face Negotiation with EU in Vientiane, Lao PDR on TLD2, TLD3, TLD4 and Lao TLAS.				x			

Thank You

