

WRI - FOREST LEGALITY WEEK

FOREST LEGALITY IN THE CONGO BASIN Shifting Dynamics in the Private Sector

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OVERVIEW



- Le Commerce Du Bois
- EU Timber Regulation
- Impacts on EU operators

Le Commerce du Bois



Founded in 2000, Le Commerce du Bois (LCB) federates and carries the message of French, timber specialised, distribution companies.

The professional groups include:

- Importers and first processors
- Agents
- Timber merchants

2015, approved by the EU as a Monitoring Organisation for the EUTR

EUTR requirements



- The EU Timber Regulation impacts operators and traders
- Forbids illegally harvested timber to be placed on the EU market
- Requires operators to conduct due diligence (DD) on their imports
 - Information gathering
 - Risk assessment
 - Risk mitigation

Impacts on DD process



- Delays increased when conducting due diligence
- Blurred traceability when transformation occurs in Asia
- Weak engagement in certification impacts EUTR compliance
- Timber has become a commodity

Thanks for your attention

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