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Committee on Import Licensing

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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

UNITED KINGDOM

The following notification dated 2 February 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	United Kingdom
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	<u>Retained EU law²:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Council Regulation (EC) No. 2173/2005 of 20 December 2005 on the establishment of a FLEGT licensing scheme for imports of timber into the European Community.2. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1024/2008 of 17 October 2008 laying down detailed measures for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No. 2173/2005 on the establishment of a FLEGT licensing scheme for imports of timber into the European Community. <u>UK legislation:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. The Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Regulations 2012.4. The Timber and Timber Products and FLEGT (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.5. The Environment and Wildlife (Legislative Functions) (EU exit) Regulations 2019.6. The Timber and Timber Products and FLEGT (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulation 2020.
3	Date of Publication	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 20 December 20052. 17 October 20083. 30 January 20124. 25 September 20185. 26 February 20196. 19 November 2020
4	Date of entry into force	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 20 December 20052. 17 October 20083. 20 February 20124. 31 December 20205. 31 December 20206. 31 December 2020

¹ It is understood that the notifying Member has also completed its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) regarding the relevant law/regulation/procedure notified for by filling this form in a full and complete manner.

² Some European Union law was retained in UK law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020, with minor modifications to ensure operability.

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5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	1. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2005/2173/contents 2. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2008/1024/contents# 3. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/178/made 4. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/1025/made 5. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/473/made 6. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1315/contents/made
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.
7	Type of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (a) New licensing regulation/procedure ³ ; (please answer question 8 to 14) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: _____; (please answer question 15 and 16)
8	List of products subject to licensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4403 Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared. • 4406 Railway or tramway sleepers (cross-ties) of wood. • 4407 Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm. • 4408 Sheets for veneering (including those obtained by slicing laminated wood), for plywood or for other similar laminated wood and other wood, sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded, spliced or end-jointed, of a thickness not exceeding 6mm. • 4412 Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Automatic: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment; (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; (e) <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.) (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration; (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify)
11	Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications	Office for Product Safety and Standards Lower Ground Floor Victoria Square House Victoria Square Birmingham B2 4AJ United Kingdom Tel: +44 (0)121 345 1200 flegtenquiries@beis.gov.uk

³ "New licensing regulation/procedure" is understood to refer to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, and those which are in force but being notified for the first time to the Committee.

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12	Contact point for information on eligibility	Office for Product Safety and Standards Lower Ground Floor Victoria Square House Victoria Square Birmingham B2 4AJ United Kingdom Tel: +44 (0)121 345 1200 flegtenquiries@beis.gov.uk
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	Ongoing.
14	A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages	The FLEGT licensing scheme is a voluntary scheme to ensure that only legally harvested timber is imported into the UK from countries with which the UK concludes bilateral FLEGT Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPAs). Under the scheme a partner country issues FLEGT licences for every shipment of timber products covered by the agreement exported to the UK. Guidance available at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-timber-regulation-guidance-for-business-and-industry
15	In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)	<p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Termination</p> <p>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension</p> <p>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of specific details in existing procedures:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify).</p>
16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)	