Danish EUTR information project

EUTR Expert meeting

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Agenda

1. Why the need for information
2. Planning the campaign
3. Exercising the plan
4. Responses from operators
5. Conclusions
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1. Why the need for information?

Sources of information showing lack of knowledge of EUTR:

✓ Limited interest in forest – high interest in micro plastics
✓ Import to be used as part of the business but not for sales directly
✓ Responses from operators on warning letters before inspection
✓ Court cases, newspaper articles etc. – but limited response from the market operators
✓ More….
2. Planning the Campaign

1. Meeting in December 2017 with partners
2. Project planning
3. Follow up meeting Jan/Feb with partners
4. Finalizing the information letter
5. Finalizing new webpage [http://eutr.dk/](http://eutr.dk/)
6. Custom data – mail list ..\Projekter\Informationsprojekt 2018\TIL BREVUDESNELSE\EUTR og FLEGT brevuds_annhu.xls
7. Preparing the organisations (Custom, Tax, Information Center..)
8. Mailing May/June
9. Handling responses from operators
10. Lessons learned - report
3. Exercising the plan
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In 2017 your business imported wood-based products covered by EU Timber Regulation (EUTR). If you are a carrier on behalf of a Danish import company, make sure your customers receive this letter.

In order to raise awareness about the rules, we have asked SKAT (Danish Custom) to draw up a list of companies based on CVR numbers (unique business number) and product codes for the products covered by the rules. Since your CVR number is registered for imports in 2017, you receive this letter.

If you already know the EUTR and have a due diligence scheme in place to ensure that there is no illegally harvested timber or timber products in your supply chain, you do not need to read any further. And, there is good reason to read the rest of this letter. It is recommended that the letter is being forwarded to relevant employees within the company, such as the company’s quality, CSR or environmental officer and purchasers.

It is the Danish EPA, which enforces the EUTR (EU Timber Regulation) regulations.

The rules in short:

1) Do not import timber/wood products that originate from illegally harvested timber.
2) You must have a due diligence system to minimize the risks of illegally harvested timber. This system must be maintained on an ongoing basis and frequently evaluated.
3) You must be able to document that the risks are negligible and that there may be imports of illegally harvested timber/wood and products thereof, to the EU.

You can read more about the rules, the timber regulation EUTR and the Danish EPA’s supervision at: www.eutr.dk.

If your company is a member of an industry organization, you can seek guidance from there. In addition, EUTR Monitoring Organizations and Advisors in the market can provide assistance (see next page). You can also establish your own due diligence scheme. The size of the task depends on your activities, products and importing countries.

On November 26, 2017, the first Danish company was convicted of breach of EUTR because it did not have a due diligence scheme in place. We do not necessarily see other companies being put in the same situation. Therefore, it is important that you get familiar with and implement the rules.

The Danish EPA is planning its next inspection series. With this letter, we hope that your company is well prepared when we come to visit.

See next page for further information.

Yours sincerely,

Environmental Protection Agency
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Se oplysninger og vejledning omkring virksomhedsansvar i henhold til EU’s tømmerforordning på [www.eutr.dk](http://www.eutr.dk). En række brancheorganisationer og Miljøstyrelsen står bag denne hjemmeside.

Nedenstående skema giver et overblik over forskellige rådgivere på markedet, som kan hjælpe Jer med at leve op til EUTR reglerne:

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Der findes endvidere en række overvågningsorganer (Monitoring Organisations), der er anerkendt af EU-Kommissionen til at kunne hjælpe virksomheder med due diligence og overholdelse af EUTR. Disse kan findes på Kommissionens hjemmeside: [Anerkendte Overvågningsorganer](http://www.eutr.dk)
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http://www.eutr.dk/
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3. Exercising the plan
   1. 3881 Mails – 600 twice a week - not on a Friday
   2. Call Center received app. XXX
   3. App. 650 response by mail
   4. App. 100 email conversations

4. Responses from operators
   1. Many neutral
   2. Many positive
   3. One really negative
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4. Responses from operators

Fra: Conny Larsen [mailto:cl@clipper.dk]
Sendt: 7. juni 2018 14:15
Til: Niels Bolling
Emne: Import af trævarer for EUTR nr. 17049798

Hej

Vi har fra Miljø- og Fødevarerministeriet fået brev, hvori der står, at vi skulle have importeret trævarer som er omfattet af EU’s regler om bekæmpelse af ulovlig fældt træ.

Det stiller vi os lidt forstående overfor, da vi hovedsagelig importerer garn og strikvarer.

Kan du være os behjælpe med at finde ud af hvilke varer det drejer sig om, og hvorfra vi har købt dem, så vi kan agere på dette.

Tak for hjælp.

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Hej Conny,

Tak for din mail.

Dette nedenstående importer:

[Import list]

Varekoden er for papirvarer (www.eutr.dk)

[Import list image]

Med venlig hilsen

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4. Responses from Associations
5. Conclusions

✓ 100% information – all included
✓ 14% feedback from operators
✓ Big importers unaware of EUTR now implementing the EUTR
✓ Positive responses in general (one negative)
✓ Improved relations with partners (Associations, Consultants, Certifiers)

- Time consuming
- Effect on due diligence unknown
- No Press cover
- Additional workload for Custom Authority
- Technical problems using Doc2Mail – links malfunctioning
Questions

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