



INFORMATION SHEET

COMPLYING WITH THE ILLEGAL LOGGING PROHIBITION ACT AND RULES

STEPS TO COMPLIANCE



Establish and Maintain a Due Diligence System

You must have a written due diligence system that complies with the Act and the Rules.

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Is your Product a Regulated Timber Product?

Check the tariff code against the list contained in Rule 5. If your product's tariff code matches and it is not recycled, made from a non timber forest product or is imported as part of a consignment with a customs value that does not exceed \$1,000, then you must conduct due diligence.

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Gather Information

You must obtain as much information as is reasonably practicable to obtain before each occasion you import a regulated timber product.

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Identify and Assess the Risk

Use a method to do this:

- Certified product (FSC or PEFC Only); or
- Uncertified product

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Conduct Risk Mitigation

If you have not achieved a low risk designation, move to risk mitigation. Otherwise you can skip this step.

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Exception to Steps 2 and 3 For repeat identical imports within 12 months

You can rely on an earlier risk assessment if you have confirmed the product is the same and considered whether there is any increased risk.

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Keep Records

You must keep records of having made decisions and all references you have reviewed to evidence that you conducted due diligence prior to import

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PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT



The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry are extremely active in audit and require precise adherence to the requirements.



Penalties include fines, naming and shaming those in breach, seizure of goods, powers of entry and testing and even, where an illegally logged product has been imported, terms of imprisonment.



Importing illegally logged timber is a criminal offence.



WHERE TO GET THE DETAILS



<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/forestry/policies/illegal-logging/importers>

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has information available online describing each step and an FAQ section to which importers should refer.

If you need help in creating your due diligence system, ATIF has a list of consultants that can assist you.

The screenshot shows the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry website. The header includes the Australian Government logo and navigation links: News & media, Jobs, Ministers, and Contact us. A search bar is also present. The main navigation bar lists: Agriculture and land, Biosecurity and trade, Science and research, About us, and Online services. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home / Agriculture and land / Forestry / Australia's forest policies / Importing and processing timber products - Australia's illegal logging laws / Importers. The left sidebar shows a menu for 'Illegal logging' with 'Importers' selected. The main content area is titled 'Importers' and contains a section 'Australia's illegal logging law reforms' with text about changes to due diligence requirements as of 3 March 2025. It mentions the 'Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012' and 'Illegal Logging Prohibition Rules 2024'. Below this, it states that before importing timber and wood-based products, one must understand their responsibilities as an importer.

Illegally logged timber

It is a criminal offence to import illegally logged timber into Australia.

If you do import a product which is made from or contains illegally logged timber, you could face significant financial penalties and even prison time.

Regulated timber products

If you intend to import any timber or timber product/s, you will need to determine whether it is a **regulated timber product** and if any exemptions apply.

