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**Ministry of Forestry**

## Quick reference guide: identifying legal timber from Indonesia

This quick reference guide supports the **Country Specific Guideline for Indonesia**. These documents may be used by businesses importing regulated timber products from Indonesia to Australia to carry out their due diligence in accordance with the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012* and the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment Regulation 2013*.

### General information

To ensure the implementation of regulations within the framework of sustainable forest management, Indonesia has developed a new mandatory verification system policy within the framework of sustainable forest management certification and timber industry legality certification known as ***Sistem Verifikasi Legalitas Kayu (SVLK)***, or the **Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS)**.

This policy is mandatory for all businesses ranging from upstream to downstream sectors where regulatory compliance is evidenced by the acquisition of certificates based on criteria and standards appropriate to the type of business.

This provides assurance that timber and timber products produced and processed in Indonesia come from legal sources and are in full compliance with relevant Indonesian laws and regulations, as verified by accredited independent auditing and monitored by civil society.

### How timber harvesting is regulated in Indonesia

Fulfilment of the obligations as stipulated by the relevant laws and regulations is audited by an independent agency in accordance with Minister of Forestry Regulation No. 43 of 2014, which outlines the performance assessment of sustainable forest management and timber legality verification of the licence holder or forest subject to rights.

The licence holder of forest products utilization that passes the sustainable forest management audit obtains a **Sustainable Forest Management Certificate/Sertifikat Pengelolaan Hutan Produksi Lestari (PHPL)** or a **Timber Legality Certificate/Sertifikat Legalitas Kayu (SLK)**. For the wood industry, it is compulsory to obtain Timber Legality Certificate.

### How to import legal timber from Indonesia

- Ask whether your supplier(s) holds a **SVLK Timber Legality Certificate** ([Figure 1](#)).
- If yes, make sure you are provided with a **V-Legal Document** for every shipment from your supplier(s) ([Figure 2](#)).

A sample SVLK Timber Legality Certificate and V-Legal Document can be found overleaf.

For further information please refer to the **Country Specific Guideline for Indonesia**.

