



## Quick reference guide: identifying legal timber from Solomon Islands

This quick reference guide supports the **Country Specific Guideline** for **Solomon Islands**. These may be used by businesses importing regulated timber products from Solomon Islands 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*.

### Documents to show legality of timber from Solomon Islands

Evidence of compliance with Solomon Islands' legislation can be demonstrated with:

- a valid **Permit to Export**, supplemented by:
  - a valid **Felling Licence** (if required)
  - a valid **Milling Licence**
- an *optional* **Certificate of Origin** from the Ministry of Forestry and Research, which accords with the information incorporated in the Permit to Export and the Milling Licence.

To export timber products an exporter must obtain a Permit to Export, approved by the Ministry of Forestry and Research. The application for the Permit to Export must detail the relevant licence number/s, volume, species, and value of timber being exported, as well as documentation of the sale arrangements.

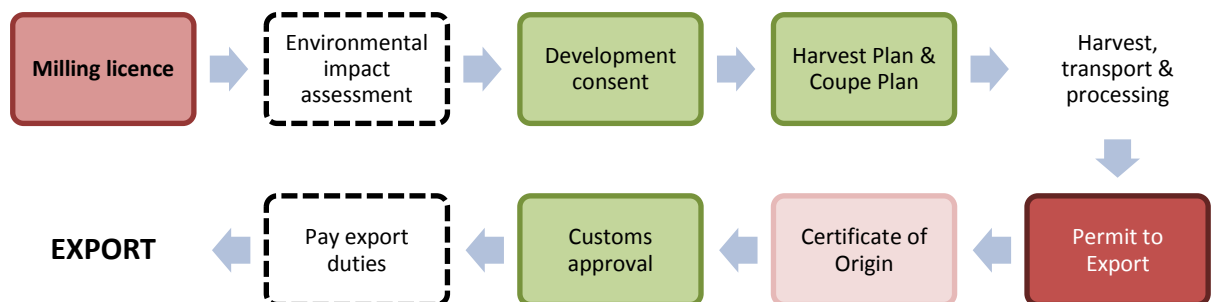
### Timber supply chains – legality documents



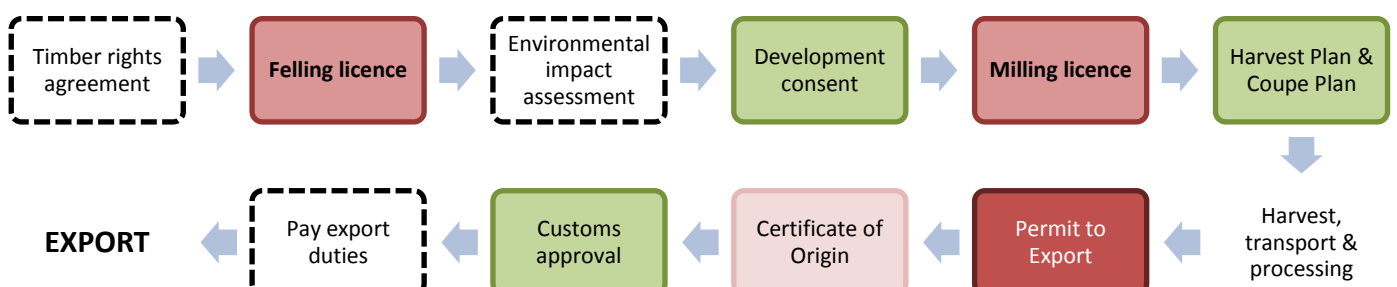
#### Milling operations using no extraction machinery / annual production <1000m<sup>3</sup>




#### Milling operations using extraction machinery / annual production >1000m<sup>3</sup>



#### Large scale commercial operations



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Solomon Islands Government  
Ministry of Forestry and Research

Form number: FD 211

Permit Number:	K412/2013
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**Permit to Export Forest Produce**

Issued to:	Company name
Licence number/s: <i>(Licence number under which timber was produced)</i>	A201237
Name of vessel:	Kwangan (N. 1347)
Container number:	CAXU6664741
Place of export:	Noro, Solomon Islands
Date of export: <i>(Can be the expected date of export)</i>	24 October 2013
Ultimate destination of goods:	Brisbane, Australia
Description of goods: <i>(Description, species and volume)</i>	Sawn Kwila ( <i>Inusia bijuga</i> ) 6.265 m <sup>3</sup> Sawn Vitex ( <i>Vitex cofassus</i> ) 3.887 m <sup>3</sup> Sawn Rosewood ( <i>Pterocarpus indicus</i> ) 5.612 m <sup>3</sup>

**Authorisation:**

I, the Commissioner of Forests, grant export approval for the goods described above. I hereby certify that, after due enquiry and to the best of my knowledge, the attached supporting documentation is valid.

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Commissioner of Forests

.....  
Date

Name: .....

Location: .....

Each Permit to Export has a unique Permit Number. This number can be cross checked with the Solomon Islands Ministry of Forestry and Research, if required.

This licence number refers to the Milling/Felling licence, which demonstrates the origin of the timber.

This information is specific to the timber export and can be used to comply with the information gathering requirements in r 10(2) of the Regulation.

The Commissioner of Forests, or someone acting in this position, is the only person authorised to approve a Permit to Export. The signature and stamp of the Commissioner should be on every Permit.

**Who should I contact for further information?**

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