



Decision-making process for issuing FLEGT Licences

**Ad hoc Meeting
29th January 2015**

Joint Implementation Committee

Role: monitoring, oversight and decision taking for matters concerning VPA implementation

Composition: Each party nominates representatives (COM for the EU)

Most important tasks are to take decisions on:

- the date from which the FLEGT Licensing Scheme will start operation, following an evaluation of the functioning of the TLAS and
- adoption of amendments to the Annexes to the VPA.
- dispute settlement

JIC adopts: *RoP* for its functioning as well as *working procedures* for Arbitration case of disputes between the parties.

Declaring TLAS operational

JIC adopts a recommendation following assessment

COM informs the FLEGT committee/WPF and consent to the recommendation

COM prepares to amend the Annexes to the FLEGT Regulation

Amendment of Annexes to the FLEGT Regulation (country and product HS codes)

COM adopts a delegated act

Member States are consulted in an Expert Group; the European Parliament is involved

Council and Parliament may object the adopted act within 2 + 4 months

If no objection are raised the delegated act enters into force

Amendment of Annexes to the VPA

Decision is taken by JIC, which produces a produce proposals to revise annexes

Internal EU procedure is set out in the Council Decisions on the conclusion of the VPAs – consult MS in the FLEGT committee

However, if amendments are not minor the general procedure for negotiating and concluding international agreements will apply