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Legality Assurance (TLA)

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Timber Legality Assurance System of Cambodia

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Forestry Administration, Ministry of Agriculture Forestry
and Fisheries, Cambodia.

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I. General Information

- ▶ ASEM FLEGT Conference and Seminar were hold in collaboration of FA and EU Phnom Penh (2010)

► Propose for support from EU on FLEGT (Letter No. 2157 dated 2009, No.191 dated 03 Feb 2010 and Letter No. 5482/1016 MAFF/DIC dated 06 Sept 2010

► EU support for Joint study on Timber Flow and control in Cambodia (Letter, Ref: DELKHMPNH/2011/D/00536 dated 09 Sept 2011)



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Ref: DELKHMPNH/2011/D/00536
Please indicate reference number in your reply.

H.E. Dr. Chan Saran,
Minister of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry
And Fisheries (MAFF)

Excellency,

Subject: *EU Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT)*

Reference: *Letter No 5482/1016 MAFF/DIC of 6 September 2010*

Following your expression of interest in a roadmap for Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) the Delegation of the European Union, in partnership with our Regional EU ASIA FLEGT programme and EU Member States, organized several awareness raising workshops, dialogues and training courses involving government officials, business and development partners as well as civil society representatives.

The participants of these awareness raising events (list of events and names of participants are enclosed) have been informed about the EU FLEGT Action Plan, Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPAs) and the EU Timber Regulation, adopted in October 2010, which will impose on EU operators an obligation to ascertain the legality of timber products which they intend to place on the EU market as from March 2013. The possible impacts of this new EU Regulation on Cambodia and timber trade, in for example the Greater Mekong Sub-region, were also discussed.

In order for the EU Delegation to further facilitate the preparation and implementation of a FLEGT roadmap in Cambodia it is of the utmost importance that there is a clear picture on current timber flows in Cambodia, which the EU Delegation could support through a joint study, and that an interagency FLEGT committee at national level is being set up for the EU Delegation representatives and our experts to liaise with MAFF/FA as well as the other relevant Government representatives. I have enclosed for your information a list of similar interagency FLEGT committees already set up in Laos, Thailand and Vietnam.

Finally, given the strong systemic links between Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD) and FLEGT, I would like to suggest to explore the possibility to

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ensure a good coordination mechanism between the interagency FLEGT committee and the Cambodian REDD structure/REDD National Task Force.

We look forward to Cambodia's feedback on this proposal.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of our highest consideration.

Michelle Labrecq
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

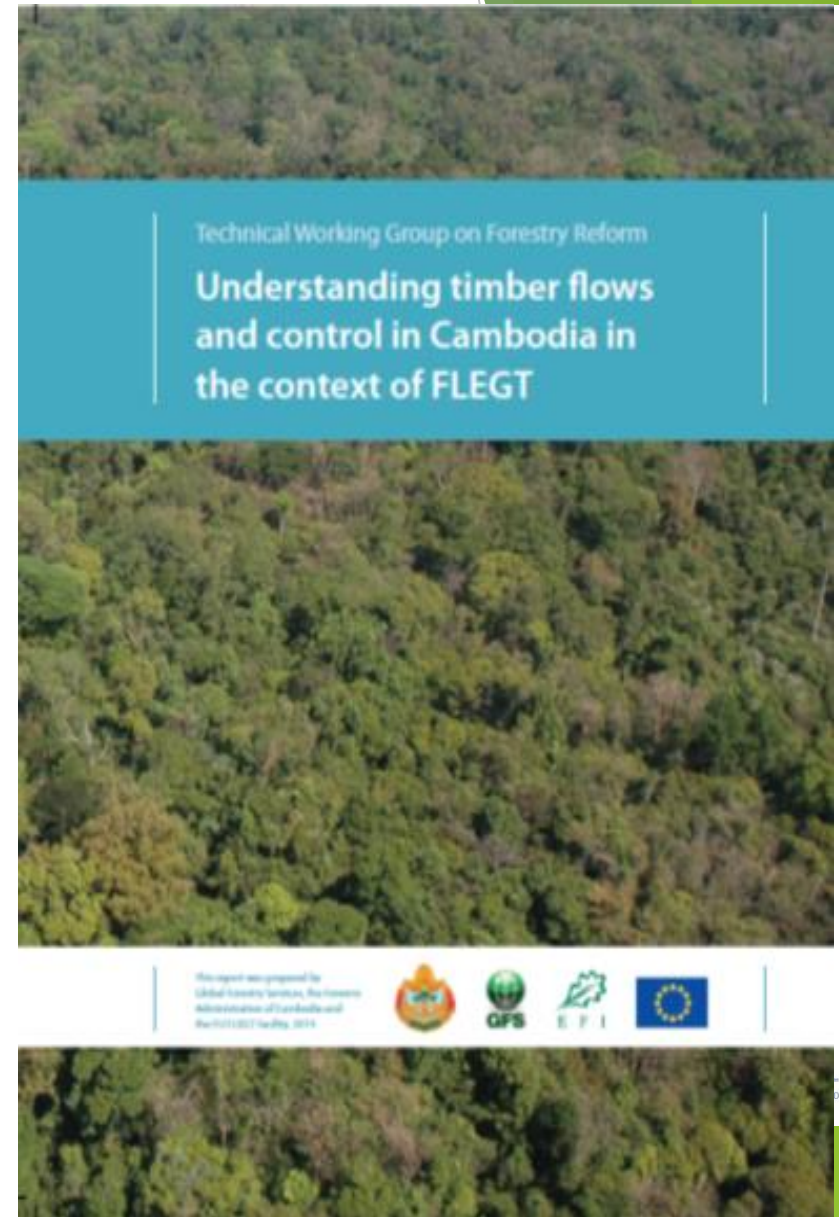
- ▶ Discussions between Ministerial level and EU (EFI) on VPA and TLAS in 2011 and



- Establishment a steering committee (Letter No. 9093MAFF dated 06 Dec 2012)



- ▶ Study on timber flow and control in Cambodia in the context of FLEGT conducted by GFS in collaboration with FA, relevant ministries, private sectors, communities, supported from EU-EFI
- ▶ Workshop of the study report was organized by TWG-FR and EU-EFI, Nov 2014



“Commercial timber supplied from legal sources to the market should be documented through the existing system ”



- ▶ Meeting with H.E Georg Edgar Ambassador of European Union Delegation to the Kingdom of Cambodia (20 April 2017)
- ▶ Meeting with Delegates from EU-Cambodia (9 June 2017)



II. Legal Framework to support TLAS Cambodia

- ▶ Law on Forestry (30 July 2002)
- ▶ National Forest Policy (NFP) (2010-2029), 6 Pro and 25 sub-pro (Pro-2, Sub-Pro9 “Forest Certification”)
- ▶ Cambodia CITES Authority



➤ Law of Forestry (Act.25, 52, 72, 73, 75), Customs Law and other regulations;

- . Quota of Imp-Exp (Q/I, Q/E)
- . License of Imp-Exp (L/I, L/E)
- . Permit to transport of FP & by-Pro for Imp-Exp (PC-IMEX)
- . Permit to transport of Goods

- Sub-decree No.131អនក្រឹត្យ បក/28th Nov 2006
- Providing the original legal documents

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III. Future Steps

MAFF, FA sent request letter to 4 relevant ministries; MoA, MoE, MoF, MoC for support entering in VPA



- ▶ Continues to cooperate with EU, FAO-EU FLEGT Programme... for organizing Workshop to raise awareness on FLEGT amongst forest sector and stakeholders in Cambodia.
- ▶ Developing road map on FLEGT-VPA in Cambodia.

IV. Conclusion

- ▶ having laws, regulations and clear policy as stated in the NFP in cooperation with EU to develop FLEGT-VPA
- ▶ Review and consider for alignment legal framework
- ▶ Workshop for awareness on FLEGT amongst forest sector and stakeholders in Cambodia will be organized and road map on FLEGT-VPA will also be developed
- ▶ Processing documents for supporting FLGT-VPA .

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