II. Verification of compliance - context and implementation

II.VII Checks planned and performed in the reporting period

The Enforcement of the EUTR, i.e. taking the effective, dissuasive and proportionate measures against the different duty-holders (operators, traders and monitoring organisations) is only possible, when compliance is verified by the authorities. For operators, the efficiency of compliance verification is supported by the risk based planning of checks. Information on the operators identified as fulfilling one or more risk criteria and thus being at risk of breaching the EUTR and the operators planned to be checked allows to appreciate the challenge faced in relation to the resources and expertise needed and available. The relationship of operators planned to be checked versus operators checked and checks performed informs on possible complications, which cannot be planned, such as substantiated concerns, issues with accessing the premises or documentation needed, or complications like the need to carry out scientific testing. The type of checks performed and the declared countries of origin and types or timber/timber products provide valuable additional information for a better understanding the size and complexity of the compliance verification task.

The insertion of the number zero (0) in reply to any of the questions in this Tab requires an explanation in the Comment box.
For countries, which do not distinguish between operators placing domestic or imported timber on the market, ‘0’ should be introduced in questions 1. and 2. and the combined numbers should be introduced under questions 3. and 4.

1 How many of the estimated operators placing domestic timber/timber products on the market were identified as fulfilling one or more risk criteria and thus considered at risk of having breached the EUTR?

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2 How many of these operators were planned to be checked under the EUTR?

502
3 How many of the estimated operators placing imported timber/timber products on the market were identified as fulfilling one or more risk criteria and thus considered at risk of having breached the EUTR?

98

4 How many of these operators were planned to be checked under the EUTR?

18

5 How many traders of timber/timber products were planned to be checked under the EUTR?

0

6 How many monitoring organisations were planned to be checked?

0

Operators - domestic timber/ timber products

7 Were any checks based on the EUTR performed on operators placing domestic timber/timber products on the market?

- Yes
- No

8 How many operators placing domestic timber/timber products on the market were checked?

1026

9 How many separate checks (check cases) does this correspond to?

One check (check case) may consist of desk-based work and several onsite visits. For one operator there may be several check cases, e.g. if a check case was closed, but a new concern arises.

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10 How many of the checks (check cases) remain open?

0

11 How many checks (check cases) were based on substantiated concerns?

0

12 For how many checks (check cases) were there any issues accessing premises or documentation?

0

13 How many checks (check cases) were purely desk-based?
14 How many checks (check cases) were both desk-based and onsite?
   This serves to estimate the workload involved.

**Operators – imported timber/timber products**

15 How many operators placing imported timber/timber products on the market were checked?
   15

16 How many separate checks (check cases) does this correspond to?
   One check (check case) may consist of multiple desk-based document reviews and several onsite visits, which may include multiple sample takings.
   41

17 How many of the checks (check cases) remain open?
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18 How many checks (check cases) were based on substantiated concerns?
   3

19 For how many checks (check cases) were there any issues accessing premises or documentation?
   0

20 How many checks (check cases) were purely desk-based?
   This serves to estimate the workload involved.
   35

21 How many checks (check cases) were both desk-based and onsite?
   This serves to estimate the workload involved.
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22 For how many checks (check cases) was scientific testing used?
   0
• 23 For how many of these checks (check cases) were mismatches found compared to the declared information?

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• 24 Did the Competent authority record, by check (check case), the declared country/countries of harvest /origin of the timber/timber products on which the check (check case) focused?

☐ Yes  ☐ No
25 Please specify how many of the checks (check cases) primarily focused on one of the below declared countries of harvest/origin of timber/timber products:

The list contains the countries with which the EU concluded Voluntary Partnership Agreements and/or regarding which Competent authorities expressed a particular interest. It also provides ‘other’ for other single-country of harvest/origin products the check (check case) focused on, ‘multiple focus countries’ for checks focusing on several countries of harvest/origin (e.g. products of mixed origin), and ‘no focus country/ies’, where checks (check cases) did not focus on a specific country or countries.

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• 26 Did the Competent authority record, by check (check case), the types of timber/timber product (HS Code/denomination) checked?
  ○ Yes  ○ No

• 27 Please select the main HS codes which were subject to checks (check cases):
  - [✓] 4401 Fuel wood, in logs, in billets, in twigs, in faggots or in similar forms; wood in chips or particles; sawdust and wood waste and scrap, whether or not agglomerated in logs, briquettes, pellets or similar forms
  - [✓] 4403 Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared
  - [✓] 4406 Railway or tramway sleepers (cross-ties) of wood
  - [✓] 4407 Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm
  - [✓] 4408 Sheets for veneering (including those obtained by slicing laminated wood), for plywood or for other similar laminated wood and other wood, sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded, spliced or endjointed, of a thickness not exceeding 6 mm
  - [✓] 4409 Wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, V-jointed, beaded, moulded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges, ends or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed
  - [✓] 4410 Particle board, oriented strand board (OSB) and similar board (for example, waferboard) of wood or other ligneous materials, whether or not agglomerated with resins or other organic binding substances
  - [✓] 4411 Fibreboard of wood or other ligneous materials, whether or not bonded with resins or other organic substances
  - [✓] 4412 Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood
  - [✓] 4413 00 00 Densified wood, in blocks, plates, strips or profile shapes
  - [✓] 4414 00 Wooden frames for paintings, photographs, mirrors or similar objects
  - [✓] 4415 Packing cases, boxes, crates, drums and similar packings, of wood; cable-drums of wood; pallets, box pallets and other load boards, of wood; pallet collars of wood (Not packing material used exclusively as packing material to support, protect or carry another product placed on the market.)
  - [✓] 4416 00 00 Casks, barrels, vats, tubs and other cooper's products and parts thereof, of wood, including staves
  - [✓] 4418 Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood, including cellular wood panels, assembled flooring panels, shingles and shakes
  - [✓] Chapters 47 and 48 Pulp and paper of the Combined Nomenclature, with the exception of bamboo-based and recovered (waste and scrap) products
  - [✓] 9403 30 Wooden furniture
  - [✓] 9403 40 Wooden furniture
  - [✓] 9403 50 00 Wooden furniture
  - [✓] 9403 60 Wooden furniture
  - [✓] 9403 90 30 Wooden furniture
  - [✓] 9406 10 00 (formerly 9406 00 20) Prefabricated buildings

**Traders**

• 28 Were any traders of timber/timber products checked on the basis of the EUTR?
  ○ Yes  ○ No
29 How many traders of timber/timber products were checked?

5

30 To how many separate checks (check cases) does this correspond?
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31 How many of the checks (check cases) remain open?

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Monitoring organisations

36 Were any monitoring organisations checked in the reporting period?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Submission info

40 Reporting period:

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41 Country:

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