III.I Remedial actions and immediate interim measures

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III. Enforcement - context and implementation

III.I Remedial actions and immediate interim measures (ref. EUTR Article 10(5))

The enforcement of the EUTR requires Member States to put in place national measures which provide a robust framework to be able to take effective, dissuasive and proportionate enforcement action and sanction different duty-holders (operators, traders and monitoring organisations) for infringements of the Regulation. The information on the legal frameworks used, the range of potential national penalties and their uppermost levels provide valuable information to assess the consistency of potential enforcement actions across the EU. This section is structured by duty-holders’ obligations under the EUTR (prohibition to place illegal timber on the market for operators; due diligence and reporting obligations for operators and monitoring organisations; traceability for traders, and reporting obligation for monitoring organisations) and the provisions for remedial actions or similar and immediate interim measures, which are applicable in case of or to prevent infringements to each obligation.

1 Please specify for which breaches of the EUTR Notices of remedial actions or similar measures, and Immediate Interim Measures (ref. EUTR Article 10(5)) can be applied in your country:

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<th>Notice of remedial action in cases of breaches of:</th>
<th>Other national measures which are similar to Notices of remedial action in cases of breaches of:</th>
<th>Immediate interim measures [1] in cases of breaches of:</th>
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<td>• DD obligation (operators and monitoring organisations)</td>
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<td>• Traceability obligation (operators/ traders)</td>
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These are measures that can be issued or applied with immediate effect to prevent trade in contravention of the EUTR and may be of temporary nature, until penalties in line with Article 19 are applied.

2 Does the same legislation apply for infringements relating to domestic timber and for imported timber?
   - Yes
   - No

5 Which legislation provides for measures to react to breaches of the EUTR (please select all that apply)?
   - EUTR-specific legislation
   - Forest (management) law
   - General Administrative law
   - Penal (Procedural) code
   - Other

7 Which authority can issue Notices of remedial actions or similar measures (please select all that apply)?
   - Competent authority/ies
   - Customs (if not Competent authority)
   - Police
   - Court
   - Other

9 Which authority can issue Immediate interim measures (please select all that apply)?
   - Competent authority/ies
   - Customs (if not Competent authority)
   - Police
   - Court
   - Other

11 Does/do the Competent Authority/ies carry out follow-up checks after having applied a notice of remedial action or similar measure?
   - always
   - sometimes
   - never

12 Does/do the Competent Authority/ies carry out follow-up checks after having applied an immediate interim measure?
   - always
   - sometimes
   - never
**Notices of remedial actions or similar measures, and Immediate interim measures in cases of breaches of prohibition**

**Notice of remedial actions or similar measures in cases of breaches of prohibition**

- 13 Please describe which similar measures your country can take (instead of Notices of remedial action)?
  
  Warning letter (§ 45 (1) Verwaltungsstrafgesetz 1991)

- 14 What is the timeframe within which an operator needs to take action following a Notice of remedial action or similar measure being applied?

  Please enter a whole number followed by a unit of time without spaces. Use either \(d\) for days or \(y\) for years or \(m\) for months. If it is not prescribed use \(\text{not set}\). Examples: \(45d\) for 45 days; \(18m\) for 18 months; \(5y\) for 5 years; \(\text{not set}\) if not prescribed.

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**Immediate interim measures in cases of breaches of prohibition**

- 15 Specify which immediate interim measures can be applied:
  
  - [x] Seizure of timber/timber products
  - [ ] Suspension of authority to trade
  - [x] Lifting of the suspensive effect of a complaint against the enforcement measure until final decision is reached
  - [x] Other measures applied as an immediate interim measure

  16 Please specify other measures:

  Ban of disposal

- 17 For how long can the immediate interim measures be imposed?

  Please enter a whole number followed by a unit of time without spaces. Use either \(d\) for days or \(y\) for years or \(m\) for months. If it is not prescribed use \(\text{not set}\). Examples: \(45d\) for 45 days; \(18m\) for 18 months; \(5y\) for 5 years; \(\text{not set}\) if not prescribed.

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**Notices of remedial actions or similar measures, and Immediate interim measures in cases of breaches of DD obligation**

**Notice of remedial actions or similar measures in cases of breaches of DD obligation**

- 18 Please describe which similar measures your country can take (instead of Notices of remedial action)?
19 What is the timeframe within which an operator/monitoring organisation needs to take action?

Please enter a whole number followed by a unit of time without spaces. Use either \textit{d} for days or \textit{y} for years or \textit{m} for months. If it is not prescribed use \textit{not set}. Examples: \textit{45d} for 45 days; \textit{18m} for 18 months; \textit{5y} for 5 years; \textit{not set} if not prescribed.

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Immediate interim measures in cases of breaches of DD obligation

20 Specify which immediate interim measures can be applied:

- ✓ Seizure of timber/timber products
- □ Suspension of authority to trade
- ✓ Lifting of the suspensive effect of a complaint against the enforcement measure until final decision is reached
- ✓ Other measures applied as an immediate interim measure

21 Please specify other measures:

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22 For how long can the immediate interim measures be imposed?

Please enter a whole number followed by a unit of time without spaces. Use either \textit{d} for days or \textit{y} for years or \textit{m} for months. If it is not prescribed use \textit{not set}. Examples: \textit{45d} for 45 days; \textit{18m} for 18 months; \textit{5y} for 5 years; \textit{not set} if not prescribed.

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Notices of remedial actions or similar measures, and Immediate interim measures in cases of breaches of traceability obligation

Notices of remedial actions or similar measures in cases of breaches of traceability obligation

23 Please describe which similar measures your country can take (instead of Notices of remedial action)?

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24 What is the timeframe within which a trader needs to take action?

Please enter a whole number followed by a unit of time without spaces. Use either \textit{d} for days or \textit{y} for years or \textit{m} for months. If it is not prescribed use \textit{not set}. Examples: \textit{45d} for 45 days; \textit{18m} for 18 months; \textit{5y} for 5 years; \textit{not set} if not prescribed.
Immediate interim measures in cases of breaches of **traceability obligation**

**25** Specify which immediate interim measures can be applied:
- ☑ Seizure of timber/timber products
- ☐ Suspension of authority to trade
- ☑ Lifting of the suspensive effect of a complaint against the enforcement measure until final decision is reached
- ☐ Other measures applied as an immediate interim measure

**27** For how long can the immediate interim measures be imposed?

Please enter a whole number followed by a unit of time without spaces. Use either \( \text{d} \) for days or \( \text{y} \) for years or \( \text{m} \) for months. If it is not prescribed use **not set**. Examples: 45d for 45 days; 18m for 18 months; 5y for 5 years; **not set** if not prescribed.

- **not set**

**Notices of remedial actions or similar measures, and Immediate interim measures in cases of breaches of **reporting obligation****

Notice of remedial actions or similar measures in cases of breaches of **reporting obligation**

**29** What is the timeframe within which a monitoring organisation needs to take action?

Please enter a whole number followed by a unit of time without spaces. Use either \( \text{d} \) for days or \( \text{y} \) for years or \( \text{m} \) for months. If it is not prescribed use **not set**. Examples: 45d for 45 days; 18m for 18 months; 5y for 5 years; **not set** if not prescribed.

- **not set**

**Comments**

**33** Comments:

Ad questions 11 and 12: The answers only refer to imported timber.

Ad questions 14 and 19: The answers refer only to one kind of action (§7 (2) HolzHÜG), no specific timeframe is prescribed for the other types of action.
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34 Reporting period:

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- Belgium
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- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
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