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Annual Synthesis Report for the year 2018 on the implementation of the FLEGT licensing scheme provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2173/2005 of 20 December 2005 on the establishment of a FLEGT licensing scheme for imports of timber into the European Community

Table 1: Criteria used to determine whether additional verification of a FLEGT licence was required, where reported by Member States.

Country	Agency carrying out checks (CA = Competent Authority, C = customs)	Species	Operator	Volume/ weight of shipment	HS codes	Country of origin	Mismatch of document information	Other
Austria	CA	✓		✓	✓		✓	e.g. when Licensing Authority is not listed as active, or if formal requirements given in the VPA are not met
Belgium	CA & C						✓	
Bulgaria	CA	✓		✓	✓		✓	
Cyprus	CA						✓	
Czech Republic	CA & C	✓		✓	✓		✓	Unspecified
Denmark	CA				✓		✓	
Estonia	C				✓		✓	All paper based licences, as operators enter data into FLEGT with typographic errors
Finland	CA	✓		✓	✓		✓	Licence not existing in SILK-database, stamp and/or signature missing, licence is not printed on official paper
Germany	CA, C, Other (Thünen Institute)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	All licences compared against SILK licence information
Hungary	CA			✓	✓		✓	Unspecified
Ireland	CA						✓	Comparison against licence information on SILK
Italy	CA & C			✓	✓		✓	
Latvia	CA	✓		✓	✓		✓	CA checks legality of licences in SILK
Lithuania	C	✓		✓			✓	Unspecified
Malta	CA						✓	
Netherlands	CA		✓	✓	✓		✓	Unspecified
Poland	CA			✓	✓		✓	Doubts related to the authenticity of the signature on the FLEGT licence
Slovenia	CA & C						✓	Unspecified
Spain	CA	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	When the licence does not exist or does not coincide with SILK or when it is expired. The loading units are also taken into account
Sweden	CA & Other (LIU)	✓	✓		✓	✓		The licence has no signature, stamps, other mandatory information; the signature is missing in SILK or no longer valid; the licence is no longer valid
United Kingdom	CA	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	Mismatch between United Kingdom and Indonesian Trade Tariff codes

Table 2: Criteria used to determine whether additional verification of a FLEGT licensed shipment was required, where reported by Member States.

Country	Agency carrying out checks (CA = Competent Authority, C = customs)	Species	Operator	Volume/weight of shipment	HS codes	Country of origin	Mismatch of document information	Other issues with FLEGT licence	Random spot checks	Other
Austria	CA & C	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓***
Belgium	CA & C*						✓		✓	
Bulgaria	C & Other (Executive Forestry Agency)		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Croatia	C						✓			
Cyprus	CA							✓		✓
Czech Republic	CA & C & Other (unspecified)	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Denmark	CA & C & Other (unspecified)	✓				✓	✓		✓	
Estonia	C				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Finland	CA & C	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
France	C & Other (unspecified)				✓		✓	✓	✓	
Germany	CA & C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ireland	CA						✓	✓	✓	
Italy	CA & C			✓	✓		✓		✓	
Latvia	C	✓			✓		✓		✓	
Lithuania	C & Other (unspecified)						✓	✓	✓	✓
Malta	CA & C						✓		✓	
Netherlands	CA & C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Poland	C & Other (unspecified)	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Slovenia	CA & C & Other (Financial Administration)						✓	✓	✓	✓
Spain	CA & C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓***		
Sweden	C				✓		✓	✓**		
United Kingdom	C & Other (Border Force)				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

*Belgium: Customs carries out checks based on their own general risk-based system (FLEGT is included). CA can ask for additional verification in case of a suspicious shipment (e.g. suspicious mismatches) or may ask customs to perform additional checks based on proposed criteria.

** Sweden: The licence has no signature, stamps, other mandatory information. The signature is missing in SILK or no longer valid. The licence is no longer valid.

*** Austria: Products to be imported that were found to differ from the information given on the corresponding FLEGT licence during former checks

**** Spain: Incongruence with other information presented.

Table 3: Approximate levels of fees and basis of calculation for those Member States charging importers for the processing of FLEGT licences

Country	Level of fee [converted]*	Basis for fee calculation
Austria	EUR 105.90	Legal basis for fee; based on average staff time spent processing a FLEGT licence, including physical inspections
Belgium	EUR 50 (only for shipments >500kg)**	Legal basis for fee
Finland	EUR 70	Legal basis for fee; based on average staff time spent processing a FLEGT licence
Greece	EUR 100	Legal basis for fee
Italy	EUR 50	Based on average staff time spent processing a FLEGT licence
United Kingdom	GBP 9.60 [EUR 10.40]	Legal basis for fee; based on average staff time spent processing a FLEGT licence

* Where necessary, fees were converted into Euros and displayed in square brackets '[']' alongside the fee reported in original currency.

** To exclude small non-commercial shipments. See Royal Decree 25 December 2017 [C – 2018/30112] in Belgisch Staatsblad 19.01.2018, Ed. 2.