

Discription of the products	Region/Country
	USA
	Name of the products
	American Hardwood
	Name of Exporter
	Name, American Hardwood Export Council (AHEC) Address, 1825 Michael Faraday Dr. Reston, VA 20190 USA Contact, Michael Snow
	Outline of Exportation (Volume of importation/ End use etc)
	American Hardwood logs, lumbers and veneers
Name of utilizing system	AHEC Responsible Procurement Policy (RPP)
Related Area	Region /Country
General overview of verification	Party responsible for issuing verification
	Outline of issuing process
	Study by independent consultant to analyze the risk that illegal timber can enter into commercial production of hardwood lumbers in US. Ask AHEC each members to stamp RPP logo mark on each shipping documents as the direction of Forestry Agency of MAFF
	The system shall verify legality only /or both sustainability
Scheme to check for legality at the time of logging	Definition of legality
	Obey all applicable laws and regulations of the Unites States and each state
	Relevant laws
	Best Management Practices (BMPs)
	Details of presumed illegal activities
	Procedures for retaining and verifying the evidence
	Coordinate with law enforcement and association timber security task forces to investigate and resolve timber trespass and illegal harvesting
Scheme implemented by the third party and so on to ensure reliability	
	Participate in public and private sector initiatives at the states and local level to work collaboratively to reduce the risk of illegal and unsustainable timber harvesting
Scheme to check for sustainability	Definition of sustainability
	Procedures for retaining and verifying the evidence
	Scheme implemented by the third party and so on to ensure reliability
Scheme of separative custody management	Real picture of the dealings, from logging to export
	Procedure for ensuring separative custody management
	Scheme implemented by the third party and so on to ensure reliability
Future Task and Perspectives	Criticisms against the system and recognition of problems
	Remediation procedure
	Future perspectives
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