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Some considerations from the EU Presidency on FLEGT

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BACKGROUND

- **Action plan on FLEGT, 21 May 2003**
- **Council Regulation, 20 Dec. 2005:
imports of timber in the Community**
- **Commission Regulation for
implementation (Oct. 2008?)**
- **VPA with Ghana, 3 Sep. 2008**

- **And now...**

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Expected: new legislative proposal on FLEGT to be adopted by the college of Commissioners on Oct. 15 based on the exercise of due diligence by operators

SOME QUESTIONS

1- Our aim / new regulation:

- **Effectiveness in attaining the objective (fight illegal logging, promote SFM)**
- **Proper administrative and financial burden**
- **Promotion of wood use is not penalized**
- **European forest-based industries are not penalized**

2- From what we know, some points that will have to be looked into:

- **Product scope**
- **Obligations of operators**
- **Implementation**
- **Existing schemes (e. g. codes of conduct)**

FOLLOW UP

FOLLOW UP IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (tbc)

- **Designation of the relevant Commission**
- **Appointment of the rapporteur**
- **Drawing up of the report**
- **Commission's vote**
- **Vote in Plenary (1st reading)**

FOLLOW UP IN THE CONCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (expected)

- **Information in ENV Council, 20 Oct.**
- **Information in AGRI Council, 27 Oct.**
- **Discussion in WPF, 4 Nov. & 3 Dec.**

- **Link with EP**
- **Link with CZ Presidency**

THANK YOU!