

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market

The European Commission is proposing a Regulation to minimise the risk of illegally harvested timber and timber products being placed on the European market. The proposed Regulation will make it an obligation for operators to seek sufficient guarantees that the timber and timber products that are placed on the market for the first time have resulted from harvesting conducted according to the laws of the country of origin.

The Regulation applies to both timber and timber products produced within the Community and imported timber and timber products.

Following, are copies of (i) the proposed Regulation, (ii) an Impact Assessment and (iii) a note prepared by the European Commission addressing preliminary questions recently raised by Member States. All three documents may be circulated to members or associates of your organisation.

If you have any comments on the proposed Regulation please forward them to the following email address **by 5th January 2009**:

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