



The government's timber procurement policy is changing: make sure you are up-to-date

All central government departments, executive agencies and non-departmental public bodies have to comply with the UK government timber procurement policy. Currently the policy requires that they actively seek to purchase legal and sustainable timber and wood-derived products. This applies to products such as paper, furniture and construction timber (including temporary site works and materials provided by contractors). As of April 1 2009 the policy changes and demands that all timber and timber products should be bought from independently verifiable legal and sustainable source, or is FLEGT licensed.

Who should attend these workshops?

Anyone involved in policy development or enforcement for example sustainability officers and facility managers

Anyone specifying and managing public sector contracts and orders for example procurement officers

Anyone buying timber or wood-derived products for the public sector (paper, furniture or construction materials) for example buyers, facility managers

All contractors or suppliers to the public sector for example architects, construction companies, furniture manufacturers, timber merchants and importers.



Attend the free training workshops

In order to get the whole public sector up to speed with the policy, Defra is sponsoring workshops which provide practical advice on how to meet the requirements as a buyer or supplier. The workshop lasts for one day and covers: responsible purchasing, illegal logging, the UK Government Policy, definitions, the types of evidence that are available and how to check them and topics such as contract conditions and implementation.

It will work through several case studies to examine the types of evidence available, and to ensure you are confident in assessing evidence back in the work place.

CPET provides free support and training

The Central Point of Expertise on Timber Procurement (CPET) is funded by Defra to provide free support and advice for all public sector personnel and public sector suppliers and contractors. As part of this support CPET provides [training workshops](#) across the UK. CPET also has a [website](#) which is an indispensable source of information for everything connected with the timber procurement policy. CPET also runs a [helpline](#), which provides practical advice and [support](#) over the phone.

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