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India Document Guide

Timber





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What documents are relevant to indicate timber legality in India?

Key Documents for India

Below are listed examples of essential documents which can support the mapping of supply chains for traceability purposes or aid in mitigating legal non-compliance risks for timber supply chains within India.

A description of the document is attached to each image of its contents. It states to whom the document is applicable, who it has been issued and signed by, as well as important considerations when checking the validity of the document as part of the due diligence process.

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Goods and Service Tax Certificate

Applicable to: Government Reserved Forests/Unclassed Forests, Private Plantations

Purpose and content: The purpose of the document is to prove the company's registration with the Indian Taxation system. The document consists of information like Legal Name, Trade Name, Address of Principle place of Business, Date of Liability, Period of Validity, Type of Registration, GST Number and the details of the Managing/Authorized Partners.

Holder of document: Business entities

Signature/stamp required by: Computer generated with QR code

Evidence limitations and weaknesses:

This document is merely a certificate of Registration which contains most of the relevant data necessary for a certificate and hence has no limitations.

Key considerations when checking the document:

- □ The GSTIN number mentioned in the document can be cross-checked in the Goods and Services weblink: <u>https://services.gst.gov.in/services/searchtp</u>
- □ If the GSTIN number exists and matches with the same Legal Entity mentioned in the certificate, then we could conclude that the certificate is valid.

Timber Legality Risk Assessment indicator which this document is relevant to:

1.6. Value-Added Taxes and Other Sales Taxes



Goods and Service Tax Certificate I



Government of India

Form

[See Rule 10(1)]

Registration Certificate

Registration Number :

1.	Legal Name						
2.	Trade Name, if any						
3.	Constitution of Business						
4.	Address of Principal Place of Business						,
5.	Date of Liability						
6.	Period of Validity		From	(То		NA
7.	Type of Registration		Regular		Q		1
8.	Particulars of Approving Autho	ority					
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Desigr	ation						
Jurisdi	ctional Office						
9. Date	e of issue of Certificate						
Note: 1	The registration certificate is require	ed to be	e prominently d	lisplayed at all	places of bu	siness	in the State.

This is a system generated digitally signed Registration Certificate issued based on the deemed approval of application on 01/07/2017 .



Goods and Service Tax Certificate II

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GSTIN	
Legal Name	
Trade Name, if any	

Annexure A

Details of Additional Places of Business

Total Number of Additional Places of Business in the State 1

Sr. No. Address

1



Goods and Service Tax Certificate III



Details of Managing / Authorized Partners



Annexure B



Registration and License to Work a Factory

Applicable to: Government Reserved Forests/Unclassed Forests, Private Plantations

Purpose and content: As per the Factory Act 1948 it is mandatory for every factory owner to register their premises with the local authorities before commencing their business. Factory License acts as a document of approval given by authorities to carry out manufacturing activities. Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health issues Factory License. It is the duty of Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health to keep a check on the health, safety, and welfare of workers. Factories Act 1948 says that a factory must obtain its building plan approval from the labor and employment department before covering themselves for a factory registration. Under this act, registration and renewal of the Factory license are also done to ensure the safety of workers. The License has details like Registration Number, License Fees, Name of the Factory, Description of Licensed Premises.

Holder of document: Business entities

Signature/stamp required by: Computer generated with QR code

Evidence limitations and weaknesses:

While making an application for the license there may be bribes or corruption involved in the process. The document does not mention the deadline date for renewal.

Key considerations when checking the document:

The validity and the status of the factory license can be checked in Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health website: <u>https://dish.tn.gov.in/verification.html</u>

Timber Legality Risk Assessment indicator which this document is relevant to:

□ 1.1. Land tenure and management rights



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Certificate of Import Export Code (IEC)

Applicable to: Government Reserved Forests/Unclassed Forests, Private Plantations

Purpose and content: An Importer-Exporter Code (IEC) is a business identification number that is mandatory for import to India or export from India. A person/entity cannot export or import without obtaining an IEC unless specifically exempted. The Director General of Foreign Trade issues the Import Export Code, and it is essentially a 10-digit code that is valid for the lifetime of the business.

Holder of document: Business entities

Signature/stamp required by: Foreign Trade Development Officer

Evidence limitations and weaknesses:

The document has to be renewed on a yearly basis and the deadline for renewal is not mentioned in the document. The GST Certificate may act as the IEC Code in future and the document may become irrelevant.

Key considerations when checking the document:

The validity and the status of the factory license can be checked in Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health website: <u>https://dish.tn.gov.in/verification.html</u>

Timber Legality Risk Assessment indicator which this document is relevant to: 1.6. Value-Added Taxes and Other Sales Taxes (Custom Regulations)



Certificate of Import Export Code (IEC)

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Employees Provident Fund Payment Receipt

Applicable to: Government Reserved Forests/Unclassed Forests, Private Plantations

Purpose and content: Employees Provident Fund (EPF) is a scheme in which benefits are accumulated. Under the scheme, an employee has to pay a certain contribution towards the scheme and an equal contribution is paid by the employer. EPF is the main scheme under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Act, 1952. The employee and employer each contribute 12% of the employee's basic salary and dearness allowance towards EPF.

Holder of document: Business entities

Signature/stamp required by: Computer generated with QR code

Evidence limitations and weaknesses: The document does not mention the next payment due date.

Key considerations when checking the document:

 The payment of the Employees Provident fund can be checking the status of the UAN number in the Employee's Provident Fund Organization, India (Ministry of Labour and Employment), Governemnt of India website: https://www.epfindia.gov.in/site_en/index.php

Timber Legality Risk Assessment indicator which this document is relevant to:

□ 1.12. Legal employment



Holder Employees Provident Fund Payment Receipt

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Employees State Insurance (ESI) Payment Receipt

Applicable to: Government Reserved Forests/Unclassed Forests, Private Plantations

Purpose and content: The ESI scheme is a self-financed comprehensive social security scheme devised to protect the employees covered under the scheme against financial distress arising out of events of sickness, disablement or death due to employment injuries. The rates of the ESI contribution are calculated on the wages paid. Currently (2022), the employee contribution is 0.75% of wages paid/payable, and employer contribution is 3.25% of wages paid/payable.

Holder of document: Business entities

Signature/stamp required by: None

Evidence limitations and weaknesses:

The document does not mention the next payment due date.

Key considerations when checking the document:

The payment of the Employees State Insurance Corporation can be done by checking the status of the insured person's employer login in the Employee's State Insurance Corporation, India (Ministry of Labour and Employment), Government of India website: <u>https://www.esic.nic.in/insured-person-employer-login</u>

Timber Legality Risk Assessment indicator which this document is relevant to:

□ 1.12. Legal employment



Employees State Insurance (ESI) Payment Receipt

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Phytosanitary Certificate

Applicable to: Government Reserved Forests/Unclassed Forests, Private Plantations

Purpose and content: This document aims to prevent the spread of plant pests and diseases through the transportation of plant/forest products.

Export inspection and phytosanitary certification of plants and plant products is carried out following article IV of International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) to meet the legal obligations of the member countries. The Phytosanitary Certificates are issued in the model formats set out under article V of the IPPC in consistence with current PQ regulations of the importing country.

Such certificates are issued after careful inspection and treatment of plants and plant products by technically qualified and duly authorized officers at the country of export and shall include additional declarations as may be required by the importing country and also particulars of treatment, if any given by the duly authorized officer.

Accordingly inspecting & certifying authorities are notified by Ministry of Agriculture for undertaking export inspection and phytosanitary certification. The Phytosanitary issuing authority may refer Export-Import Policy as well as provisions of the CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild flora and fauna) for the detailed list of prohibited/ restricted plant species.

While entering trade negotiations (Letter of Credit (LC) / Agreement etc.), the exporter should ensure to reflect in the contract which they entered with the importer about the current Plant Quarantine Regulations in respect of the Commodity being exported from the importing country or a copy of the permit issued by the importing country wherever applicable. The phytosanitary certificate is issued as per the requirements of the importing country duly reflected in the contract or the permit issued by the importing country. The certificate contains information like Consignor, Consignee, Description of the Consignment (Place of Origin, Point of Entry & Botanical Names), Disinfection Treatment, Additional Declaration etc.

Holder of document: Business entities

Signature/stamp required by: Authorized officer

Evidence limitations and weaknesses:

The document cannot be verified through an online verification method.

Key considerations when checking the document:

- □ Is the date, species, quantity, quality on the document correspond to information on other sales documents?
- □ Is the starting location and destination of transportation in line with the supply chain map, and supporting supply chain documents?

Timber Legality Risk Assessment indicator which this document is relevant to:

□ 1.17. Trade and transport



Phytosanitary Certificate

PQ Form 21

PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

(To be typed or printed in block letters)

No.

From		To:					
Plant Protection Organisatio	n	Plan	t Protection orrganisation(s)				
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Description Of Consignme							
Name and address of export	er						
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Date of issue			Signature of authorized officer				
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Organisation) or to any of its officers or representatives*.*Optional clause



Log purchase invoice

Applicable to: Government Reserved Forests/Unclassed Forests, Private Plantations

Purpose and content: The purchase invoice records all the necessary information regarding the details of the Consignor, Consignee, transportation details, description of the product, species, volume, price etc.

Holder of document: Consignor and Consignee

Signature/stamp required by: Company Seal and signature of the company representative.

Evidence limitations and weaknesses:

The document cannot be verified through an online verification system

Key considerations when checking the document:

- □ Compare the sale price with the market price to ensure that there has been no under-invoicing.
- □ Quantity, Quality and species has to be checked and verified
- Tax component in the invoice and additional taxes like Tax Collected at Source (TCS) to be checked.

- □ 1.1. Land tenure and management rights
- □ 1.4. Harvesting permits
- 1.5. Payment of royalties and harvesting fees
- $\hfill\square$ 1.6. Value added taxes and other sales taxes
- □ 1.13 Customary rights
- □ 1.14. Free prior and informed consent
- □ 1.16. Classification of species, quantities, qualities
- □ 1.17. Trade and transport



Log purchase invoice

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E-way bill

Applicable to: Government Reserved Forests/Unclassed Forests, Private Plantations

Purpose and content: E-way bill is a mechanism to ensure that goods being transported comply with the GST Law and is an effective tool to track movement of goods and check tax evasion.

Holder of document: Consignor and Consignee

Signature/stamp required by: Computer generated with QR code

Key considerations when checking the document:

- □ HSN Code of the product must be verified
- Quantity, Quality and Species has to be checked and matched with the sales invoice
- □ Transporters Details, Vehicle No, Tranporters GST number must be verified

- □ 1.16. Classification of species, quantities, qualities
- □ 1.17. Trade and transport



E-Way Bill

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Wood grading slip

Applicable to: Government Reserved Forests/Unclassed Forests, Private Plantations

Purpose and content: The grade of wood can be determined through various parameters. The wood grading slip defines the various parameters to be recorded to determine the quality of the wood.

Holder of document: Consignor and Consignee

Signature/stamp required by: Not required

Evidence limitations and weaknesses: The quality parameters may not follow international grading standard

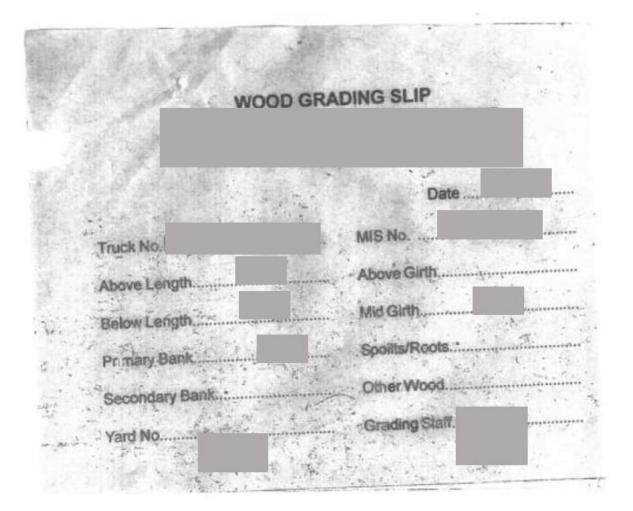
Key considerations when checking the document:

□ The units in the document need to be checked to avoid discrepancies

- □ 1.16. Classification of species, quantities, qualities
- □ 1.17. Trade and transport



Wood grading slip





Felling Contractors Invoice

Applicable to: Government Reserved Forests/Unclassed Forests, Private Plantations

Purpose and content: The felling contractors invoice records all the necessary information regarding the details of the Consignor, Consignee, transportation details, description of the product, details regarding the harvesting like location, Permit No. etc.

Holder of document: Consignee

Signature/stamp required by: Company Seal and signature of the company representative.

Evidence limitations and weaknesses:

The document cannot be verified through an online verification system

Key considerations when checking the document:

Verify the information in the document with the actual harvesting permit

- □ 1.1. Land tenure and management rights
- □ 1.4. Harvesting permits
- □ 1.5. Payment of royalties and harvesting fees
- $\hfill\square$ 1.6. Value added taxes and other sales taxes
- □ 1.8. Timber harvesting regulations
- 1.9. Protected sites and species
- □ 1.10. Environmental requirements
- □ 1.11. Health and safety
- □ 1.12. Legal employment
- 1.13 Customary rights
- □ 1.14. Free prior and informed consent
- □ 1.15. Indigenous/traditional peoples' rights
- □ 1.16. Classification of species, quantities, qualities
- □ 1.17. Trade and transport



Felling Contractors Invoice

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Consignment No:	Consignment Date:
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SAC Code	Felling, Stacking, Collection & Transportation of Pulpwood:
Region / Division	
Range	
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Permit No.	
Area (Coupe Name)	<u> </u>
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Stacks	
App. Fwt (MT)	
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GST 18%	
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	Authorised Signature

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Weigh Bridge Slip

Applicable to: Government Reserved Forests/Unclassed Forests, Private Plantations

Purpose and content: A document of a weight record containing the weight, date, time and vehicle identification.

Holder of document: Consignor and Consignee

Signature/stamp required by: Not Required

Evidence limitations and weaknesses:

Weighment is based on the precision of the Weigh Bridge, so it may not be accurate

Key considerations when checking the document:

- □ Check the Tare weight of the vehicle and the loaded weight
- □ Compare tare weight of the vehicle along with vehicle weight details

- □ 1.8. Timber harvesting regulations
- □ 1.9. Protected sites and species
- □ 1.10. Environmental requirements
- □ 1.11. Health and safety
- □ 1.12. Legal employment



Weigh Bridge Slip





Material Receipt/Dispatch/Sales Weighment Slip

Applicable to: Government Reserved Forests/Unclassed Forests, Private Plantations

Purpose and content: The document is used to inform the buyer regarding the weight of the material during the time of dispatch, harvested location details like Lot No, Coupe Name and the order related details like P.O Number, Gate Entry No etc.

Holder of document: Consignor and Consignee

Signature/stamp required by: Not Required

Evidence limitations and weaknesses:

Weighment is based on the precision of the Weigh Bridge, so it may not be accurate

Key considerations when checking the document:

- □ Check the Tare weight of the vehicle and the loaded weight
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- □ 1.12. Legal employment



Material Receipt/Despatch/Sales Weighment Slip

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About LIFE Legal Wood

LIFE Legal Wood is an initiative supporting the wood and wood products industries across Europe with knowledge, tools and training in the requirements of the EU Timber Regulation. Knowing the source of origin for your timber product is a legal requirement that benefits for the environment and competition. The initiative is funded by the LIFE programme of the European Union.





Preferred by Nature (formerly NEPCon) is an international nonprofit organisation working to support better land management and business practices that benefit people, nature and the climate.

We do this through a unique combination of sustainability certification services, projects supporting awareness raising, and capacity building.