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CPET train Natural Resources Wales on timber procurement

CPET ran 6 workshops with Natural Resources Wales (NRW), training over 100 procurement staff involved in timber purchasing across North, Mid and South Wales. The training covered NRW's new timber purchasing policy which came into effect on 1 April 2014. NRW's policy supports the UK government's approach.

Tailoring the training to NRW's bespoke requirements, Annie Adams, the CPET Project Manager and Melanie Meaden, Sustainable Procurement Advisor at NRW worked together to host the workshops. They focussed on why a Timber Procurement Policy (TPP) is important, examined the different types of evidence and how to evaluate them, and presented NRW's policy and explaining how it will work (internal operational guidance etc). Excellent feedback was received from participants.

Training is provided at very competitive rates. If your organisation needs bespoke training on timber procurement, contact us on cpet@efeca.com to discuss your requirements.

Central government workshops on timber procurement

CPET has also been busy training various central governmental departments on the UK government's policy on Timber Procurement. All central government departments, their executive agencies and Non-Departmental Public Bodies are mandated to procure timber and wood-derived products that are legal and sustainable. In the last couple of years, the Home Office, UK SBS and HMRC have all hosted ½ day workshops.

The MOD also hosted a “mini-workshop” providing over 70 employees with an overview of the policy requirements. See below for a list of forthcoming workshops.

Implementing and monitoring the TPP

CPET recommends that organisations implementing the TPP use a risk based checking of evidence of compliance and set thresholds above which all contractor evidence will be requested and checked (for example this could be the relevant OJEU procurement threshold). For a reminder of what evidence is required to show compliance, see [the new CPET website page](#) on how to prove your timber comes from a legal and sustainable source.

Evidence for contracts below the [EU procurement threshold](#) should be checked using a sampling approach, which could be defined with reference to your organisation’s risk assessment. Procurement and contract staff may be interested to know that members of the UK Contractors Group have developed a [robust reporting framework on TPP compliance](#) which could be used as a strong foundation for reporting. Remember CPET can give support through our training workshops, our [website](#) and the helpline.

2014 Update of the TPP with respect to acceptability of FLEGT timber

Defra has extended the acceptance of FLEGT-licensed timber under the TPP, with a proposal for review once FLEGT-licensed timber from at least three countries has been on the market for three years.

The UK Government TPP requires that: *Only timber and wood-derived products originating from an independently verifiable Legal and Sustainable source (which can include from a licensed Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) partner) will be demanded for use on the government estate – appropriate documentation will be required to prove it.*

For further information see: <https://www.gov.uk/timber-procurement-policy-tpp-prove-legality-and-sustainability> or contact us.

TPP training workshops – new dates

If you would like to know more about the TPP, come to one of our CPET training workshops. They are FREE to members of government departments, publically funded bodies and their suppliers and contractors. For more information, email cpet@efeca.com.

London - September 17th - a few places left

Nottingham – October 8th – hosted by Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA)

Webinar using Webex – October 14th –to be held if we have high enough demand

TPP workshop champions

In discussion with procurers, CPET has learnt that identifying a member of staff to champion, co-ordinate and target training at appropriate individuals can really help to boost skills and knowledge within organisations. If you buy timber or timber containing products or lead on sustainability for your organisation, why not consider being a TPP workshop champion? If you need help identifying and targeting people who need the training, give CPET a call.

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