

Information concerning the EU-Trade Regulation

1. Imports from countries participating in the Flegt-Agreement

What is the Flegt-Agreement?

„Flegt“ is the abbreviation for Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade and aims at tackling illegal logging to support sustainable development.

Imports from countries with which the EU has signed a Flegt-Agreement do not need a legality verification.

Only companies which import from countries which did not sign the Flegt-Agreement must carry out a thorough risk analysis (Due Diligence System) according to the EU regulation which accounts for the legality and the origin of the imported goods.

F.W. Barth & Co. GmbH, Korschenbroich exclusively trades with products which comply to the requirements of the new EU regulation.

2. Imports from countries not participating in the Flegt-Agreement

The EU-regulation differentiates between **Operator** and **Trader**.

- The Operator

Natural or legal persons who declare goods are named **Operator**.

Companies which import goods from non-EU countries (meaning they declare the goods and are the first to place them on the market) are named **Operator**. Only an **Operator** is obliged to carry out a risk analysis in regard to the origin and the legality of the imported goods.

- The Trader

Natural or legal persons who do not declare goods are named **Trader**.

In accordance with the EU regulation as from March 2013 a **Trader** only needs to save all commercial documents for five years.

A Trader can rely on the **Operator** (F.W. Barth & Co. GmbH) to exercise due care to this effect.