FOR ALL CONCERNED

Altavilla Vicentina, 27.01.2015

Subject: Information about EU Regulation No 995/2010 and its applying—Timber Regulation

Dear Customer,

as you will surely know, Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 is laying down the obligations of those who import timber and timber products (named OPERATORS in the Regulation) and those who place and/or transform the timber and timber products (improperly named TRADERS), to prevent and combat the import of illegally harvested wood into European Community.

On 25th December 2014 the Legislative Decree no. 178 dated 30/10/2014 entered into force. It establishes the rules and sanctions in case of violation of the Wood Regulation, creates a Registry of Operators and appoints the State Forestry Corps as monitoring organisation.

In attachment, you shall find a summary of the main points of the sanctions introduced by the Decree, which marks the validity of Wood Regulation in Italy.

Our Group has been sensitive to this issue for a long time and it is dedicated to the promotion and development of forestry and industrial ways to a legal and eco-friendly management by running different inspections on its supplies.

We are strongly convinced that this law will represent a way of promoting the timber products made in Italy who comes from certified and controlled suppliers.

We are writing to you as OPERATOR to assure you that our company is already applying a due diligence system: measures and procedures providing access to the information concerning the operator's supply of timber or timber products placed on the market, risk assessment procedures.

Our customers, both distributors and artisans of the products acquired from us (defined TRADERS in the Wood Regulation), are only subjected to the OBLIGATION OF TRACEABILITY of their purchases and sales. At the moment, the only fiscal documents (Delivery document and Purchase Invoice and Delivery document and Sales Invoice) represent a sufficient form of traceability in case of controls.

For any verification, you can simply indicate the person from whom you purchased timber or its derivatives, who will provide the documents showing the implementation of the necessary Due Diligence system and the origin of the import.

For further information, do not hesitate to contact our sales office.

Best Regards.

Corà Domenico & Figli S.p.A.

ATTACHMENT - Legislative Decree 30/10/2014 nr. 178 - Sanctions

Here below a brief summary of the sanctions foreseen in case of violation of the FLEGT and EUTR Regulations:

- the OPERATOR who imports into the territory of the State timber or timber products from countries adhering to a partnership agreement (VPA) in the absence of a FLEGT license is punished with a fine ranging from Euro 2,000 to Euro 50,000 or with detention from one month to a year;
- the OPERATOR who markets timber and its derivatives obtained in violation of the applicable legislation of the country of production (wood harvesting) is punished with a fine ranging from Euro 2,000 to Euro 50,000 or with detention from one month to one year;
- in both of the above two cases, if the facts result in particularly serious damage to the environment, the two defined penalties of fine and detention are applied jointly, together with the confiscation of all timber and timber products;
- if the OPERATOR who markets timber and its derivatives does not prove, through documentation and the information contained in the appropriate registers, that he has put in place and maintained the provisions of the Due Diligence system, also with reference to the systems set up by the Bodies of Control recognized by the European Commission, is punished with a fine from Euro 5 to Euro 5,000 for every 100 kg of goods, with a minimum of Euro 300 up to a maximum of Euro 1 million;
- if the OPERATOR who sells timber and its derivatives does not keep or does not keep for 5 years or does not make the appropriate registers available (Article 5 of the EU Implementing Regulation no. 607/2012) is punished with a fine from Euro 1,500 to Euro 15,000;
- the TRADER (reseller or manufacturer) who does not keep the names and addresses of sellers and buyers of timber and timber products for at least 5 years, together with the corresponding qualitative and quantitative information for each single supply, is punished with a fine from Euro 150 to Euro 1,500;
- the OPERATOR who does not register in the register of operators is punished with a fine from Euro 500 to Euro 1,200.

The OPERATORS can implement and keep updated their own due diligence system, or they can adopt one of a monitoring organization.

It is very important to highlight that the Legislative Decree takes as a reference the Due Diligence systems, set up by the control bodies recognized by the European Commission, to assess whether the OPERATOR has exercised due diligence or not.

The monitoring organization (MO) is a subject with legal personality and registered office in the European Union, it is officially recognized by the European Commission as such and must:

- periodically assess the Due Diligence System and grant the Operators the right to use it;
- verify the correct use of the Due Diligence System by these Operators;
- take appropriate action if an Operator does not use the system properly, and inform, among other things, the competent authorities in the event of significant or repeated non-compliance by the operator.

In Italy CONLEGNO is the first Italian monitoring organization recognized in Europe and FEDERLEGNO is its promoter. The procedures of the due diligence system of a monitoring organization must be considered the foundations of a Due Diligence in full compliance with the Wood Regulations.

All information is available on https://legnok.conlegno.eu/