

Request to Businesses Exporting Timber to Japan

– About the Clean Wood Act –

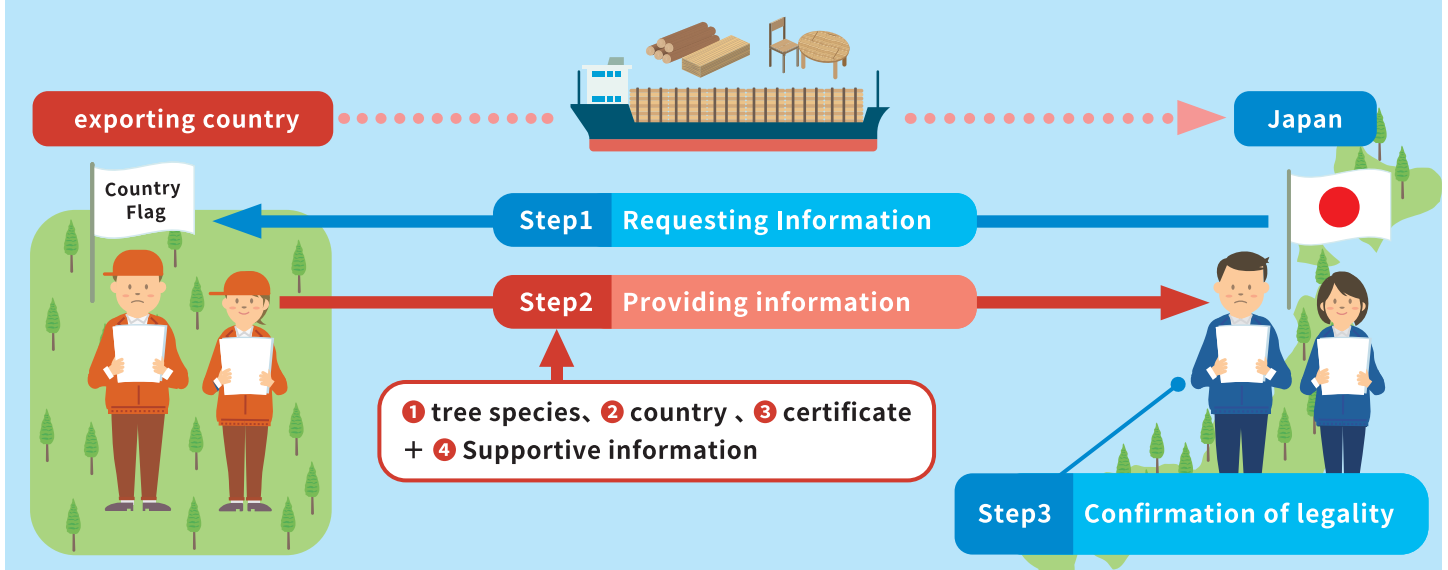
Message to exporters

- From the perspective of combating illegal logging, preserving the natural environment, and promoting fair trade, Japan is promoting the distribution and use of legally harvested wood and wood products through the Clean Wood Act*.
 - We ask for the cooperation of businesses exporting wood to Japan in order to realize the society envisioned by the Clean Wood Act.
- *The official name of the Act: The Act on Promotion of Distribution and Use of Legally Harvested Wood and Wood Products

Key points of the Clean Wood Act

When Japanese importers import wood and wood products from overseas, for confirmation of legality, they are required to collect information on **1 tree species**, **2 the name of the country where the trees are logged**, and **3 certificates of legality of logging**. Therefore, it is important for exporters to provide information.

Scheme of Due Diligence under the Clean Wood Act



How exporters can help Japanese importers

Step1 and 3 are implemented by Japanese importers

Step 2 Providing information

Information on tree species, the country of harvest, and certificate

Example of certificates

- Copies of cutting permits and notifications issued by the government of the country where the trees were logged
- Copies of the export licenses issued by the government (Limited to those which certify trees have been logged in accordance with the laws of the country of harvest)
- Copies of the certificates proving that the wood and wood products are certified (FSC, PEFC, SBP, GGL)

* ■ A CoC registration certificate is not regarded as proof that the legality of timber is certified.

Supportive information

- When Japanese importers requests supplementary information (hearing), please respond accordingly.

* If legality cannot be confirmed:

While the Clean Wood Act requires Japanese importers to confirm legality, even when importers are not sure the legality of wood and wood products, those products can be distributed if information stating that “legality could not be confirmed” is attached.

Appropriate measures taken by businesses are to combat illegal logging, preserve the natural environment. These efforts are also expected to enhance compliance, contributing toward the sustainable growth of companies and the development of society.