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Australian Government's illegal logging laws:

Compliance and Enforcement

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Australian timber imports

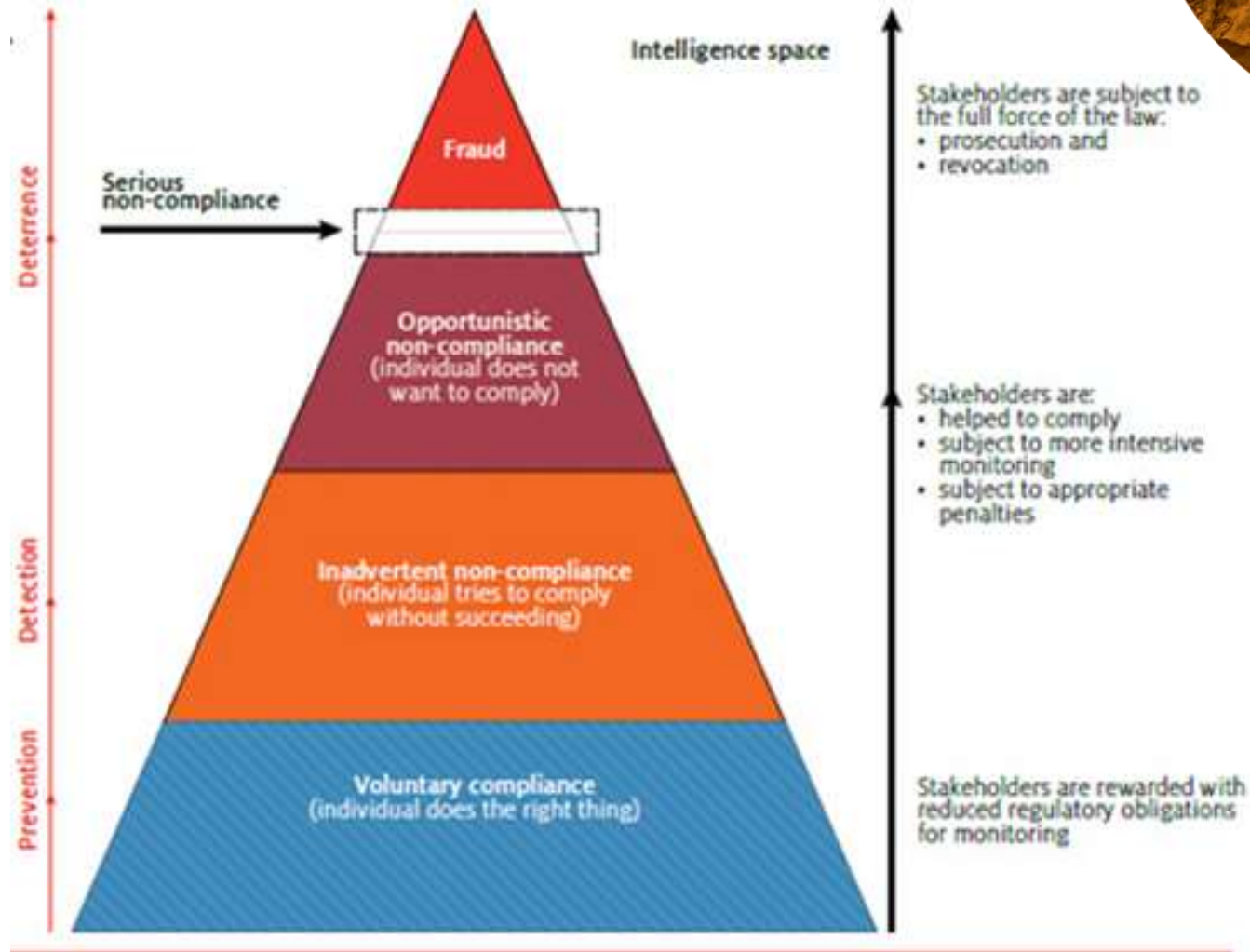


- Regulated timber imports since 30 November 2014:
 - 21 737 businesses
 - 238 832 consignments
 - AUD \$8.9 billion of imports,
 - From 130 countries of origin

 - Products: paper, furniture, sawnwood, joinery and continuously shaped wood

 - Sources: China, New Zealand, Indonesia, Malaysia, USA and Vietnam

Australia's compliance model



Facilitating compliance

- **Country Specific Guidelines (CSGs)** – seven guidelines have been finalised and published
- **State Specific Guidelines (SSGs)** – guidelines have been finalised and published for all Australian states
- Addition of FSC and PEFC chain of custody standards as recognised timber legality frameworks
- Providing illegal logging factsheets



Soft start period



- A soft start period has been implemented to allow importers time to adjust their systems – this commenced 30 November 2014
- The soft start includes:
 - Not issuing penalties for non-compliance
 - Working with importers and processors to ensure they understand and comply
 - Working with businesses who volunteer for assessment
 - Prosecution of serious breaches of the Act
- We will use a risk based approach at the end of the soft start period

Compliance assessments



- Assessments against due diligence requirements started in March 2015:
 - **The focus** - Businesses importing the highest value and proportion of regulated trade
 - **Coverage** – We expect to assess ‘smaller’ importers and domestic Australian raw log processors in the future
- Businesses have been requested to provide:
 - Information about their due diligence system
 - How it was applied to a specific regulated timber product
- So far 378 businesses, representing 75% of regulated trade, have been requested to provide information.

What are we seeing?



- Regulated community appears to be getting on with complying
 - Larger businesses appear to be aware and comfortable with the laws
 - There is still some learning to be done
 - Significant reliance on **timber certification systems**
 - Several businesses relying on the **Country Specific Guidelines**
- Not sure if trends will translate across to small and medium importers
 - Suspect that some businesses will still be unaware or un-prepared



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