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# Australian Government's illegal logging laws

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- Two key elements:
  - ***Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012 (the Act)***
    - Commenced in November 2012
    - Establishes broader legal framework
    - Prohibition – intentional, knowingly or recklessly
  - ***Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation 2012 (the Regulation)***
    - Commenced on 30 November 2014
    - Establishes our ‘due diligence’ requirements
    - Need to assess/manage risk of timber being illegally harvested

# What are we trying to achieve?



- Restrict entry of illegal timber into the Australian market.
  - **Prohibition** - discourages active trafficking into Australia
  - **Due diligence requirements** - encourages businesses to ask questions about the timber they are sourcing
- **End goal**
  - products of little or no risk of being illegally logged are imported or processed within Australia
  - and encourage more robust supply chains

# Who and what is regulated?



- The Act covers anyone dealing with timber or wood-based products.
- Two groups are required to carry out due diligence:
  - **Processors** of domestically grown raw logs
  - **Importers** of certain ‘regulated timber products’
- **Regulated timber products** (defined by their tariff codes):
  - Chapter 44 – wood and articles of wood
  - Chapter 47 – pulp
  - Chapter 48 – paper and paperboard
  - Chapter 94 – furniture
- Businesses exporting to Australia are **not** regulated, but are likely to receive requests for timber product information.

# What is due diligence?







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