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# Promoting Legal Timber through Public Procurement Policies in Liberia

# Background

- ▶ Procurement law, policy or practice in Liberia that emphasizes, promotes or requires legality of timber sold, purchased or otherwise traded on the Liberian market for domestic use by government agencies, private sector firms, national and international organizations and individuals. However, these laws and policies do not fully address public procurement of legal timber for domestic consumption.

## Proposed Actions

1. Develop public procurement policy (Liberian market);
2. FDA/GoL roll out the draft Chainsaw Regulation;
3. Enforce forestry reform laws as a matter of ensuring legal compliance;
4. **Enforcement of existing laws:** Promulgate and enforce procurement laws that encourage existing and “would be” timber producers to:

- a) register their businesses with the relevant agencies of the government;
  - a. pay taxes as and when due and
  - b. sustainably manage the cultivation of timber in regulated areas;
- ▶ 5. Mandate public procuring agencies to purchase timber and timber related products from legal timber sources;
- ▶ 6. Provide specialized training for actors and law enforcement agencies for effective enforcement of the legal regime; etc., etc;

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- ▶ 7. Put in place a robust inspection/monitoring regime that encourages self-reporting and incentives for self-reporting;
  - ▶ 8. Promote an effective anti-corruption drive for legally sourced timber through public awareness;

# Challenges

1. Major suppliers of timber and timber related products for local consumption are unregulated;
2. Availability of legal timber to meet local market demand;
3. Lack of mechanism for quality assurance in the procurement of legal timber;
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