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Measurement &
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Timber Testing Operations

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Presentation Overview

- National Measurement and Regulation Office
- Enforcement Model
- Testing Methodology
- Chain of Evidence
- Results Analysis
- Future of Testing in Enforcement

National Measurement and Regulation Office

- Responsible for enforcing a suit of environmental and consumer protection legislation
- Operate in line with the Regulators Code
 - Support to comply and grow
 - Offer ways to engage to the trade
 - Risk based activities
 - Share information about compliance and risk
 - Offer guidance
- Aim to simplify technical regulation for the benefit of British businesses

Enforcement Model

- Risk based enforcement programmes carried out
 - Species of timber
 - Country of origin
 - Country of manufacture
 - Nature of product
 - Market penetration
 - Industry concerns
- Engaging with large corporations to SMEs

Testing Methodology

- Purpose

- Verify Due Diligence claim (cannot prove illegality)
- Develop capability

- Tender

- All testing activities with 3rd parties have to be conducted inline with government procurement rules

- Purchasing

- Selection of product – assurance of being in scope
- Recording and traceability of purchase – pocketbook, pictures, invoices
- Species declaration request

- Sampling process

- Hand tools + PPE
- 2 officers
- Sample selection

Chain of Evidence

- Officer's Authorisation
 - Test purchasing
 - Sampling
- Evidence Handling Facility (EHF)
 - Secured 3 stories facility
 - Restricted access
- Vault software
 - Records acquisitions and sources
 - Tracks good movements internally and externally
- Evidence bags

Results Analysis

- Overall figures
 - Over 180 products sampled to date.
- Products
 - Common failures: composite products (furniture, plywood)
 - Tropical timber: generally accurate claims but difficulty of building robust DD
- Trade impact
 - Increase in testing as part of mitigation process
 - Impact on supply chains

Future of Enforcement Timber Testing

- Continue to assist in verifying due diligences claims
- Develop new methods to accurately locate origin of timber (isotope testing)
- Revisit high risk products (e.g. plywood)

Thank you for listening any further
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