



Quick reference guide: identifying legal timber from Thailand

This quick reference guide supports the **Country Specific Guideline for Thailand**. This may be used by businesses importing regulated timber products from Thailand to Australia to carry out their due diligence in accordance with the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012* and the associated *Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation 2012*.

The Country Specific Guideline (CSG) provides detailed information on the control of pathways for timber harvested and originating from within Thailand and informs Australian importers of what is considered legal timber. It is only applicable for timber products with a Thailand origin of harvest.

What does legal timber 'look like' in Thailand?

Information that you can gather to demonstrate timber and timber products imported from Thailand have been legally harvested include the 'Letter of Certification for Trade and Export of Timber, Wood Products, and Charcoal' (**Ror Mor 8 Certificate**) issued by the Royal Forest Department, Thailand. Some products may only require an **export license (Aor 2 license)**.

Examples of these documents can be found in the **Country Specific Guideline for Thailand**:

- A **Ror Mor 8 Certificate** is required for round logs and sawn timber (except rubberwood).
- An exporter from Thailand may also request a **Ror Mor 8 certificate** to accompany products that do not require a **Ror Mor 8 certificate**, upon request from an Australian importer.
- A declaration of **export license (Aor 2 license)** may be used in combination with a transport licence, instead of Ror Mor 8 Certificate, for charcoal.

Forestry in Thailand is regulated by a number of agencies and organisations, details of which can be found in the CSG. Once the organisation in charge has assessed and validated relevant harvest and supply chain processes, the timber products may be granted a certificate as following:

1. Royal Forest Department will assess the legality of timber and timber products. The timber and timber products required to achieve the license or certificate from RFD must be granted 'Letter of Certification for Trade and Export of Timber, Wood Products, and Charcoal' (**Ror Mor 8 Certificate**).
2. Ministry of Commerce will grant Export License (**Aor 2 License**). The exporter is required to submit relevant documents coupled with the Letter of Certification issued by RFD (**Ror Mor 8 Certificate**) for the Ministry to consider the issue of **Aor 2 License**.
3. Thailand Customs Department will assess relevant documents and the Export License (**Aor 2 License**) that is granted to the importer by Ministry of Commerce in order to issue the Export License (**Export Entry Document**). A duty shall be collected as calculated by a customs officer before issue of an Export License (**Export Entry Document**).



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The importer may expect to obtain the following documents from Thai exporters to assist in meeting their due diligence obligations in accordance with the CSG pathway:

- Export License (**Export Entry Document**)
- invoice(s)
- a packing list, and
- other documents such as documents for export control, biosecurity, and booking confirmation.

For further information on timber legality in Thailand, refer to the **Country Specific Guideline for Thailand**.

Who should I contact for further information?

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