

## Assess risk against a Country Specific Guideline

<p><b>1) Decide if a CSG applies to the product you are importing</b></p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Check that your product is covered by a <a href="#">Country Specific Guideline</a>.</p> <p><b>Common problems and solutions</b></p> <p>The CSG method can only be used for regulated timber products that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• have been harvested <b>wholly</b> in the CSG country; and</li><li>• are <b>directly exported</b> to Australia.</li></ul> <p>It cannot be used where the timber is being processed in, or exported from, a third country.</p> <p>It is also <b>not</b> possible to use a CSG when dealing with products containing timber sourced from multiple countries.</p> <p>If the product will be shipped via a third country and not unpacked, the CSG method can still be used.</p> <p>If you find that a CSG does not apply to your product, you must choose a different risk assessment method (3A or 3C).</p> <p><b>Questions:</b></p> <p>Does the information and documentation clearly identify the country of harvest?</p> <p>Was the timber in your product wholly harvested in the CSG country?</p> <p>Is the country of harvest also the exporting country?</p>
<p><b>2) Assess the information you have gathered against the CSG</b></p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Compare the information and documents you gathered from your supplier with those shown in the CSG.</p> <p>If the CSG specifies other documents that you don't have, you should try to obtain these as well.</p> <p><b>Common problems and solutions</b></p> <p>If your supplier cannot provide you with documentation, the CSG may offer guidance on the type of documents available, the issuing authority, and how to get copies of the documents.</p> <p>You do not need to gather all of the documents listed in the CSG – only those that are reasonably practicable to obtain (see the definition in Step 2). However, you will need enough information to help you make a reasonable risk assessment.</p> <p><b>Questions:</b></p>

	<p>Have you checked the information, or obtained the documents, that the CSG suggests could support that the harvest was legal?</p> <p>Does the information you have gathered on your product match the information and documentation in the CSG?</p>
<p><b>3) Assess the risk</b></p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Using all of the information and documents you have collected, you need to decide if the product(s) you are importing are likely to include illegally logged timber.</p> <p>In coming to your conclusion, consider <b>any</b> other information that may indicate if the product has come from illegally harvested timber.</p> <p><b>Common problems and solutions</b></p> <p>CSGs may not account for local corruption, fraud, and the effectiveness of forestry laws in the country. Consider how these factors might affect your product(s).</p> <p>CSGs may not show the latest developments in forestry laws.</p> <p><b>Questions:</b></p> <p>Are the documents collected genuine and have they been generated by the appropriate government entity or other body?</p> <p>Are there any inconsistent or missing documents?</p> <p>Is the timber in your product the subject of a logging ban or restriction in the CSG country?</p> <p>Have there been any media articles, third party reports, or government statements that would bring the legality of your product(s) into question?</p> <p>Is there any other information you know or should know, that would call into question the legality of the product(s)?</p>
<p><b>4) Determine your risk assessment outcome</b></p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p> <p>Once you have completed the steps above, you should be able to determine if your product is likely to include illegally logged timber.</p> <p>If you have decided the <b>risk is low</b>, you have completed your due diligence. You must document your risk conclusion and can import the regulated timber products.</p> <p><b>Common problems and solutions</b></p> <p>If your risk is <b>higher than low</b>, you must take actions to mitigate the risk before you are able to import the regulated timber product. This is explained in Step 4.</p>