# The Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber Trade) Act 2024

**March 2025**

## **Digital toolkit (digikit)**

**The information in this digikit is for public release from 3 March 2025.**

### Purpose

This toolkit is to help you describe and share materials with your stakeholders as the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber Trade) Act 2024* (Amendment Act) and Illegal Logging Prohibition Rules 2024 (the Rules) come into effect on 3 March 2025.

In this toolkit you will find a variety of suggested content to help provide information relating to the reformed legislation, including newsletter articles, factsheets, emails for your stakeholders, and social media content to share through your channels.

**This is the second of two supplied digikits and is for use after the legislation comes into effect on 3 March 2025. Please refer to the first digikit for content to share with your stakeholders prior to this date.**

If you have questions on any of the materials, please email the department’s international forestry team: illegallogging@aff.gov.au

### Background

* Laws to combat illegal logging have been in effect in Australia since 2012. These laws are the Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012 (Act) and the Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation 2012 (Regulation).
* The Regulation was due to expire or ‘sunset’ on 1 April 2023 (an automatic process) and a Sunsetting Review commenced in 2021 to ensure the legislation remained fit-for-purpose.
* Following consultation as part of the Sunsetting Review across 2021 and 2022, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry agreed to reform the legislation in December 2022. During this process, the sunsetting date was extended until 1 April 2025.
* The Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber Trade) Bill 2024 (the Bill) was introduced to Parliament in March 2024. The Bill was passed by Parliament and received Royal Assent in September 2024. At this time, it became the Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber Trade) Act 2024 (Amendment Act).
* In addition to the Amendment Act, Illegal Logging Prohibition Rules (the Rules) have been developed to replace the Regulation. A consultation period was held in August-September 2024 on the draft Rules.
* The Amendment Act and Regulation will be in effect as of 3 March 2025.

### Content for publication

#### Web or newsletter content

##### For use on or after 3 March 2025:

**Reformed illegal logging legislation is in effect as of 3 March 2025. The reformed legislation includes the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber Trade) Act 2024* (Amendment Act) and the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Rules 2024* (the Rules).**

The Amendment Act amends the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012* (the Act) and the Rules replace the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation 2012* (the Regulation).

Key changes to the legislation in the Amendment Act allow the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to:

* use timber identification technologies to verify species and origin claims on timber products
* address non-compliance in more ways
* publish information such as anonymous timber testing results and details of contraventions of the laws
* perform more efficient and effective compliance audits.
* The Amendment Act also allows for the replacement of the Regulation with the Rules. The Rules introduce changes to existing due diligence requirements. Details are provided in the [Your responsibilities factsheets](https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/forestry/policies/illegal-logging/importers/resources) and The Due Diligence Toolkits for [importers](https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/forestry/policies/illegal-logging/importers/resources) and [processors](https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/forestry/policies/illegal-logging/processors/resources) available on the department’s website**.**

Further information and guidance material can be found on [the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry’s website](https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/forestry/policies/illegal-logging/processors/resources).

### Social media posts

Tag @daffgov on Twitter/X and @Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry on LinkedIn and Facebook.

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| **LinkedIn/Facebook**  | **Suggested date** |
| New illegal logging legislation is in effect as of 3 March 2025.The Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber Trade) Act 2024 (Amendment Act 2024) amends the Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012 and the Illegal Logging Prohibition Rules (the Rules) replace the Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation 2012. Key changes introduced by the Amendment Act and Rules include allowing the department to:* use timber identification technologies to verify species and origin claims on timber products
* perform more efficient and effective compliance audits and address non-compliance in more ways
* publish information such as anonymous timber testing results and details of contraventions of the laws

For more information about the new legislation and what it means for you, please visit the @Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/forestry/policies/illegal-logging/processors/resources> | 3 March 2025 onwards |
| **Twitter/X** | **Suggested date** |
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### Subscriber/Stakeholder emails:

#### **To send on or after 3 March 2025:**

**Subject: New illegal logging legislation is now in effect**

Dear <name>,

We are writing to you today to remind you that as of 3 March 2025, Australia’s reformed the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Amendment (Strengthening Measures to Prevent Illegal Timber Trade) Act 2024* (Amendment Act) and the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Rules* (the Rules) are in effect.

The Amendment Act amends the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012* (the Act) and the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation 2012* (the Regulation).

Key changes to the legislation in the Amendment Act will allow the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to:

* use timber identification technologies to verify species and origin claims on timber products
* address non-compliance in more ways
* publish information such as anonymous timber testing results and details of contraventions of the laws
* perform more efficient and effective compliance audits.

The Rules introduce changes to due diligence requirements. Details are provided in the ‘*Australia’s reformed Illegal Logging Laws: What Importers and Processors Need to Know*’ factsheet.

Further information and updated guidance materials can be found on [the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry’s website](https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/forestry/policies/illegal-logging/processors/resources).

[OPTIONAL:

Additional information can be found in factsheets attached to this email. These factsheets include information outlining the key changes to the legislation, transition arrangements, and an overview of the Rules.]