

## **NEPCon equips business for EU Timber Regulation: International training programme starts January 2013**

**19.12.2012; London, UK: Companies that have not yet got to grips with the EU Timber Regulation can join NEPCon's training from January 2013, designed to arm businesses with a solid understanding of their obligations and practical solutions to excluding illegal timber from supply chains.**

"More than 100 corporate and private sector organisations have already tapped into our timber legality expertise through our training, and we are continuing our efforts to make this accessible to businesses that still need help in understanding how to comply with the EU Timber Regulation", says Christian Sloth, NEPCon Timber Legality Programme Manager and course trainer.

NEPCon will hold a number of training courses at the beginning of next year aimed primarily at companies that import timber products into the EU or sell nationally grown timber – known as 'operators' or 'first placers' – that need to establish effective due diligence systems to eliminate illegal timber from their supply chains.

If you are a Compliance Manager, Procurement Manager or work within an environment or CSR team, these courses will help you get on top of the EU Timber Regulation:

- 29-31 January 2013 – two or three day comprehensive course in Jurmala, Latvia
- 6 February 2013 – intensive one-day course in London, UK
- 5-7 March 2013 – two or three day comprehensive course in Jurmala, Latvia

All of NEPCon's training courses cover key aspects of due diligence, including risk assessment and risk mitigation. They provide a comprehensive overview of the EU Timber Regulation requirements and how to address them. Delegates will be guided through LegalSource™ tools and systems, which companies can adapt and adopt or use to benchmark their own due diligence system.

The first day of the three-day course is optional and focusses on auditing principles, based on scenarios and examples that relate to the LegalSource certification standard and due diligence approach.

"The three-day course is our most comprehensive training on timber legality, and offers delegates the opportunity to see issues from an auditor's perspective, providing a deeper level of insight that can be very helpful in ensuring robust implementation of due diligence", says Mr Sloth.

The one-day training in February is purposefully scheduled to run the day before Chatham House's semi-annual event on illegal logging, making it more accessible to those travelling internationally.

To learn more about the training, visit [www.nepcon.net/training](http://www.nepcon.net/training)

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### About NEPCon's EU Timber Regulation training

NEPCon is running this course under its LegalSource™ Programme, under which it has applied to become an EU-approved Monitoring Organisation.

	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
1 day course	£250 + VAT	6 February 2013	London, UK	50 participants
2 day course	900 Euro + VAT	30-31 January 2013; 6-7 March 2013	Jurmala, Latvia	15 participants
3 day course	1,000 Euro + VAT	29-31 January 2013; 5-7 March 2013	Jurmala, Latvia	15 participants

NEPCon also offers bespoke training to companies, associations and other interested organisations.

### About NEPCon

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