

Two Sides Reference Sheet

Sustainable Forest Management

Two Sides supports sustainable forest management, including the use of recognized forest certification and chain-of-custody standards. Forest certification and chain-of-custody certification based on recognized third-party audited systems are good methods to demonstrate sustainable forest management practices and traceability of fiber. However, the availability of certified fiber varies significantly by region of the world and by product type.

Companies should implement systems to ensure that illegal fiber (from illegal logging) does not enter their products and facilities. For example, compliance to the U.S. Lacey Act is a deterrent for illegal logging and also a regulatory obligation for companies importing wood fiber for the use or manufacture of forest or non-forest products. Well managed forests have many environmental, social and economic benefits, including sequestering carbon and helping to mitigate climate change.

Below are some examples of resources related to sustainable forest management.

[Promote Sustainable Forestry Practices](#)

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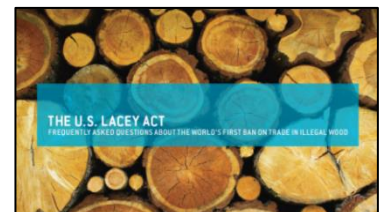
AF&PA's website outlines the US industry goal of increasing the amount of fiber procured from certified forestlands or through certified fiber sourcing programs in the U.S. from 2005 to 2020 and work to decrease illegal logging.



[Frequently Asked Questions About the U.S. Lacey Act](#)

Environmental Investigation Agency

On May 22, 2008, the U.S. Congress passed a groundbreaking law banning commerce in illegally sourced plants and their products — including wood, pulp and paper products. The new law is an amendment to a 100-year-old statute, named the Lacey Act after the Congressman who first championed it. This Q&A provides basic facts about the Act, its requirements and penalties.



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[Forest Legality Alliance Website](#)

The Alliance is a joint effort of the World Resources Institute and the Environmental Investigation Agency, supported by the United States Agency for International Development and companies in the forest sector. Its goal is to reduce illegal logging through supporting the supply of legal forest products.



[Sustainable Forestry Certification Programs](#)

Two Sides Overview

The Two Sides website provides a brief overview on credible forest certification systems with links to additional information.



[Risk Free? Paper and the Lacey Act](#)

World Resources Institute

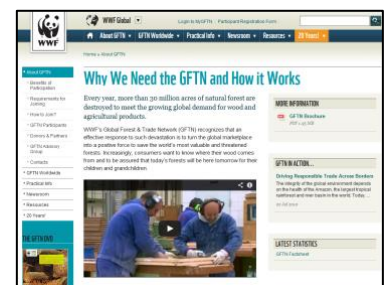
“Due care” lies at the core of the amended Lacey Act. It is the legal term for exercising the level of appropriate action that would be taken by a reasonably prudent person under the same circumstances to minimize the risk of purchasing plant products that were harvested or traded illegally.



[Global Forest Trade Network \(GFTN\) Website](#)

WWF

The GFTN—a WWF-led partnership—links more than 300 companies, communities, NGOs, and entrepreneurs in more than 30 countries around the world. The goal is to create a new market for environmentally responsible forest products.



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