The Act on Promotion of Use and Distribution of Legally-Harvested Wood and Wood Products (Clean Wood Act) (*provisional translation)

Definition

Wood and Wood Products [Article 2.1]

Wood; and Goods which are manufactured from wood as a major raw material and are designated by a Ministerial Ordinance, including furniture and paper (excluding recycled goods)

Legally-Harvested Wood and Wood Products [Article 2.2]

Wood which are made by processing timber harvested in conformity with relevant laws and regulations of the country of harvest; and Goods which are manufactured from above-mentioned wood as a major raw material and are designated by a Ministerial Ordinance, including furniture and paper (excluding recycled goods)

Government

O Develop Fundamental Policy [Article 3] **Competent Ministers**

- © Establish standards of judgement for Wood-related **Business Entities [Article 6]**
- O Provide guidance and advice [Article 7]
- © Request reports and undertake on-site inspections [Article 33]
- © Responsibilities of the Government [Article 4]
- Secure necessary funds
- Gather and provide information
- Disseminate the registering system
- · Enhance understanding by entities and citizens
- Appropriate coordination [Article 31]
- O Promotion of international cooperation [Article 32]

Entities

© Responsibilities of entities: Entities shall make efforts to use legally-harvested wood and wood products when they use wood and wood products [Article 5]

Wood-related Business Entities

• Entities who manufacture, process, import, export or sell (excluding sales to consumers) wood and wood

products, entities who construct buildings and other structures using wood, and entities designated by a Ministerial Ordinance who use wood and wood products for their operation [Article 2.3]

Registered Wood-related Business Entities

Wood-related Business Entities who take appropriate measures to secure use of legallyharvested wood and wood products may use the name of "Registered Wood-related Business Entities" by registration [Article 8, 13.1]

* Entities who use the name of the "Registered Wood-related Business Entities" or confusing similar names without registration is subject to penalties [Article 13.2, 37]



Note: This Act came into force on May 20, 2017.