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THREATS TO SUSTAINABILITY GOALS – ILLICIT TRADE PRACTICES IN WOOD-BASED SECTOR AND WOOD PRODUCT QUALITY INFORMATION

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1. ILLICIT TRADE!



There is no standard definition of illicit trade

World Customs Organization (WCO), 2012:

Illicit trade involves money, goods or value gained from illegal and otherwise unethical activity. It encompasses a variety of illegal trading activities including human trafficking, environmental crime, illegal trade in natural resources, intellectual property infringements, trade in certain substances that cause health and safety risks, smuggling of excisable goods, trade in illegal drugs and a variety of illicit financial flows

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), 2016:

more focused on the consequences of illicit trade, including its impacts on economic stability, social welfare, and public safety



brought up a Resolution 2195 - focusing on formsof illegal activity and illicit trade























Illicit trade is a term used to describe a number of diverse and invasive practices that characterize our societies, involving illicit flows of goods, money, services, information and people.

FACTS ABOUT ILLICIT TRADE!

- ❖OECD: Illicit trade generates billions of dollars annually for transnational criminal networks
- the World Economic Forum: illicit trade creates an annual drain of approximately USD 2.2 trillion on the global economy nearly 3 per cent of total gross domestic product
- ❖UNCTAD: If illicit trade was a country, its economy would be larger than Brazil's, Italy's or Canada's, and as large as Mexico's and Indonesia's combined





















2. The Study

- the aim of this research is to analyze practices, challenges, and consequences of illicit trade practices within wood-based sector and its products at EU and global level.
- Additional aim is the short overview data regarding quantity, transparency and accuracy information on wood products that can be bought at selling places in Croatia.























ILLICIT TRADE AND WOOD PRODUCTS

- a clear-cutting of an area of forest equivalent to a football field happens every two seconds worldwide
- Europol: illicit timber trade is one of the most financially rewarding transnational criminal activities, generating an estimated USD 7 billion.
- Interpol: as much as one-third of wood furniture—our chairs, tables, doors, beds—is built from timber that has been illicitly harvested
- Every year, the world loses 10 million hectares of wood, or an area the size of Iceland, due to unlawful logging
- Interpol: illegal timber industry is worth almost \$152 billion annually























ILLICIT TRADE OF WOOD PRODUCTS AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Illegal logging and its associated timber and wood product trade have enormous environmental, social and economic implications
- The illicit trade of timber depletes origin countries' natural resources and has direct impact on sustainability and climate change.
- As demand for timber products increases, so does illegal logging, which is a major driver of the deforestation devastating forest-dependent communities, and worsening climate change.
- Uncontrolled logging is responsible for a host of problems, including biodiversity loss, desertification, and greenhouse gas emissions

Illicit timber and wood trade is an unwelcome practice!























IILLICIT PRACTICES IN WOOD SECTOR

Example 1: A Trade Discrepancy Analysis' observed **import and export flows between EU and Vietnam**. Available data shows discrepancies that indicate under-reporting of high-risk timber imports into Vietnam as well as significant differences in the reported values of various furniture exports. These differences cannot be explained by standard variables in import and export costs and can potentially be used to disguise illicit movement of money around the world. However, mismatches between the exporting and the importing reports can also be result of deliberate trade misinvoicing.

Example 2: As one of the biggest players in the timber business, **China** has also emerged as the primary destination for the illegal timber trade and as an export-oriented economy, the country now depends on imported timber to produce secondary wood products for export

Example 3: Illegal logging continues to be a major issue in **Brazil**, where up to 70 per cent of the total forestry production is believed to be illegal.











podatke npr. kuhinja CEDAR.



1. Navedite vrstu proizvoda i ime proizvoda (ovisno o kategoriji namještaja za koju prikupljate

Sustainability and Security



naznačite način na koji ste do informacije došl



8. Postoji li prikaz/shema sastavljanja proizvoda ukoliko se proizvod ne isporučuje u komadu;

IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY







A list of questions with prof. Leon Oblak and assist.prof. Matej Jošt was





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SITUATION IN CROATIA – PRDUCT INFORMATION AND DECLARATIONS IN WOOD PRODUCT AND FURNITURE STORE

podatke lipi: kullilija CEDAK.	naznacite nacim na koji ste do imornacije dosii.	
Vrsta proizvoda Ime proizvoda	Prikaz/nacrt/shema sastavljanja proizvoda DA NE Informacija je dostupna na proizvodu Informacija je dostupna kod prodavača Informacija nije dostupna Informacija nije dostupna	developed (within Cost Action 22133 GLITSS): product category; price; county
 Napišite ime prodajnog salona /trgovine proizvoda i grad/mjesto u kojem s trgovina nalazi. 	9. Navedite informaciju o garanciji proizvoda (koliko mjeseci traje); naznačite način na koji ste do informacije došli. Garancija proizvoda – vrijeme trajanja Informacija je dostupna na proizvodu	of ofrigin; manufacturer's name, product composition (types of materials),
Ime prodajnega salona Grad i županija u kojem/kojoj se trgovina nalazi	garancije Informacija je dostupna na prozvodu Informacija je dostupna kod prodavača Informacija nije dostupna	product variants, eco-labels, assembly scheme
3. Navedite prodajnu cijenu proizvoda, naznačite način na koji ste do informacije došli Prodajna cijena (€) Informacija je dostupna na proizvodu Informacija je dostupna kod prodava		
4. Navedite ime proizvodača proizvoda, naznačite način na koji ste do informacije došli Ime proizvođača proizvoda ☐ Informacija je dostupna na proizvodu	Način održavanja / korištenja proizvoda □ Informacija je dostupna na proizvodu □ Informacija je dostupna kod prodavača □ Informacija nije dostupna	 the research was conducted in November and December 2023
□ Informacija je dostupna kod prodavač □ Informacija nije dostupna	ča 11. Navedite je li proizvod moguće kupiti u različitim kombinacijama (npr. dimenzije, boja, vrsta drva, način površinske obrade); naznačite način na koji ste do informacije došli.	
5. Navedite porijeklo proizvoda (u kojoj državi je proizvod proizveden), i naznačite način na koji ste do informacije došli. Država u kojoj je proizvod proizveden	Koje? □ Informacija je dostupna kod prodavača □ Informacija nije dostupna	 272 wood product were analysed; mostly in Zagreb City
	12. Je li proizvod dio određene kolekcije (npr. uz komodu je još moguće kupiti ormar, krevet, noćni ormarić i sl); naznačite način na koji ste do informacije došli.	
Navedite sastav proizvoda (npr. masivno drvo; iverica oplemenjena furnirom/folijom; metal; tkanina, spužva,), naznačite način na koji ste do informacije došli. Sastav proizvoda	Koji proizvodi čine kolekciju? Informacija je dostupna kod prodavača Informacija i odstupna kod prodavača Informacija nije dostupna	 Products included in the research: 01 - Kitchen tables 02 - Kitchens (kitchen
☐ Informacija nije dostupna	 Ukoliko je primjenjivo, navedite ime dizajnera/brand proizvoda; naznačite način na koji ste do informacije došli. 	elements/kitchens) 03 - Office furniture (office tables; office cabinets) 04 - Beds 05 -
7. Navedite ima li proizvod neku od eko oznaka – npr. FSC; EU Eco label; Cradle-to-cradle; sl., naznačite način na koji ste do informacije došli. Eko oznaka/ime oznake	☐ Informacija je dostupna kod prodavača	Upholstered furniture (two-seaters, three-seaters, armchairs) 06 - Wardrobes (wardrobes,
Informacija je dostupna na proizvodu Informacija je dostupna kod prodavač		chests of drawers, showcases, racks)) 07 - Garden furniture (tables, chairs, sofas, lounge
иноппаеда пус возгарна	DE – deklaracija PR – proizvod PO – postav/izgled u trgovini	chairs) 08 - Interior and exterior carpentry (windows, interior/exterior doors) 09 - Floor and wall
		coverings parquet

















- many products do not have clearly expressed information about: the origin of the product, the composition of the material from which the product is made;
- Regarding large number of products, the material is listed as solid wood, even though it is some other material (chipboard, wood panel or even plastic that imitates wood);
- sellers often do not know more about the product they are selling
- the country of origin is usually noted as the EU, but there is no information about the EU not country
- prices were displayed on all products, without exception
- the quality of information depends on the manufacturer and distributor of the product and no store has a clearly defined product information policy

























Some examples of GOOD product information

PRIMA

Prima commerce d.o.o. 43 000 Bjelovar, Slavonska cesta 6 tel: +385 (0)43 244 655

JAMSTVO

mo da će navedeni proizvod iz iamstva ispravno funkcionirati 24 mieseca od dana kupnie

Proizvod iz jamstva ispravno će funkcionirati uz pravilnu primjenu uputa za montažu i upotrebu. U jamstvenom roku otklonit ćemo sve kvarove i materijalne nedostatke na proizvodu. Kvar će biti otklonjen u roku 45 dana od preuzimanja artikla na popravak. Ukoliko u roku 45 dana od dana preuzimanja artikla na popravak kvar ne bude otklonjen. proizvod ćemo zamijeniti za isti novi, a ako isto nije moguće, obvezujemo se vratiti uplaćeni iznos. Jamstvo se ne primjenjuje na proizvode koji se nepravilno koriste, zlorabe, pogrešno koriste, mijenjaju ili čiste pogrešnim

metodama člšćenja ili pogrejsnim protivodima za člšćenje. Jamtov ne pokrim ogrebotim, občenja izazvana udorina, nezpodama i silčnim uzrocima. Također, jamtovo ne vrijedi ako sus e artiški koristili na otvorenom u vlažnom okruženju ili ako se nisu koristili u kućanstvu. Jamstvo ne pokrim poslječični ali lisučajana otščenja.

Reklamacija na proizvod može se prijaviti u pisanom obliku

- u prodavaonici u kojoj je proizvod kupljen (adresa na računu)
 na adresi proizvodača: Prima commerce d.o.o., Slavonska cesta 6, 43000 BJELOVAR
- na e-mail adresu proizvođača (primjedbe korisnika): info@prii na fax proizvođača: 043/243-470

Za ostvarenje prava iz jimistva potrebno je predočiti originalni račun o kupnji.
Jamstvo vrijedi za proizvode koji se nalaze na području Republike Hrvatske.
Troškove opravdane reklamacije (dovoz, popravaje, dovoz popravjene/spravne stvari) snosi proizvođač/prodavatelj. Servis i rezervne dijelove u roku jamstva osigurava:

Prima commerce d.o.o.,

43000 BJELOVAR

UPUTSTVO ZA UPOTREBU

- 1. Optimalna temperatura u kojoj je smješten namještaj treba biti 18-22°C, relativna vlaga zraka 55-75%. Namještaj ne smije
- biti izložen direktnom izvoru sunčeve svjetlosti kao niti kontaktu s vodom.

 2. Namještaj treba biti udaljen najmanje 100 cm od izvora topline inače ga treba dodatno zaštitit
- 3. Drvene i drvene-lakirane dijelove namještaja čistiti mekom krpom i blagim sredstvima za čišćenje namještaja. 4. Tapecirane dijelove u štofu Vili koži čistiti i održavati za to dozvoljenim sredstvima. S. Namještaj je namijenjen normalnoj upotrebi i ne može izdražat izvanprosjećna opterećenja.
- 6. Ako je proizvod isporučen demontiran, montažu obaviti prema priloženom uputstvu za montažu i koristiti samo originalne
- dijelove. Povremeno provjeriti i pritegnuti eventualno olabavljene vijčane spojeve.

 7. Zbrinjavanje dotrajalog proizvoda izvršiti prema propisima o zbrinjavanju neopasnog otpada.

OBAVIJEST O PROIZVODU

NAZIV PROIZVODA: KREVET ALPHA 200x180

PROIZVOĐAĆ: PRIMA ISG d.o.o, Partizanska br 37,78400 GRADIŠKA, BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA

ZEMLJA PORIJEKLA: BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA

UVOZNIK: PRIMA COMMERCE D.O.O., SLAVONSKA CESTA 6,43000 BJELOVAR, HRVATSKA

GLAVNE MJERE (5-d-v): 206x244x94 cm

MATERIJAL IZRADE: Osnovna konstrukcija, okvir sjedišta i naslona: masivno drvo bukve, jele/smreke. Elementi

kostura i naslona: ploča iverica 16 mm, ploča vlaknatica 3,2 mm.

OKOV: Metalni spojni elementi. Površinska obrada:lak za metal.

OJASTUČENJE: Vata, PU pjena (normativ utroška 7,32 kg rezane spužve), zaštitna tkanina,

presvučeno dekorativnom tkaninom/mikrofibrom/žanilom.

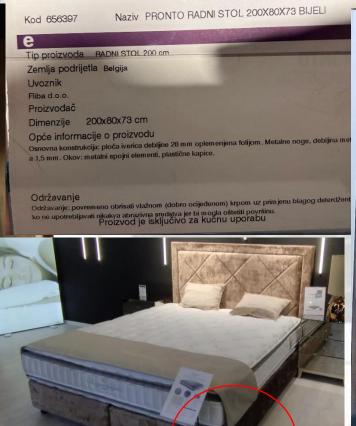
SASTAV ŠTOFA: 50% poliester, 50% pamuk, površina 100% poliuretan

TRANSPORTNO PAKIRANJE: Proizvod je nemontran i pakiran u 2 paketa, u PE toliji Beplienoj trakom, rubovi zablićeni troslojnim valovotim kartono

NAMJENA: Proizvod je namijenjen za kućnu upotrebu

SIGURNOST PROIZVODA: Proizvod je siguran sukladno Zakonu o općoj sigurnosti proizvoda, ako se proizvod korist za njegovu namjenu i pridržava se uputstava i upozorenja vezanih uz proizvod





























Some LESS GOOD product information





























HOW WE CAN PREVENT ILLICIT TRADE AND INCOMPLETE LABELING TRADE IN WOOD-BASED SECTOR

- Forest Stewardship Council[®] (FSC[®]) certificates
- EU Timber Regulation (EUTR) and EU FLEGT Regulation
- EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) start of application at the end of 2024
- EU Eco labels; EPDs; Cradle-to-credle certificate, ...



Labelling is an important market tool which should be viewed as an integral part of Communication between societal players (business to consumers, directly and via intermediaries, authorities to consumers























Summary

- Illicit timber trade includes practices such as logging in protected areas, exceeding permitted harvest quotas, processing logs without
 the necessary licenses, operating under a license that has been obtained illegally and exporting products without paying export duties.
- illicit trade within wood-based product withholds consumers of the relevant information to make choices, based on awareness for sustainable development in harmony with nature, including consumption of rare woods and woods sourced unsustainably.
- The wood-based sector has changed significantly since the turn of the century: the ways in which timber is produced have altered, and patterns of consumption and trade have shifted.
- Wood and wood-based products have also risen up the agenda in international policy processes related to sustainable development and climate change

The changes in timber supply and trade raise crucial questions for the implementation of the various policy measures, and for their effectiveness in achieving the objectives of tackling illicit trade activities and establishing a sustainable wood-based sector.





















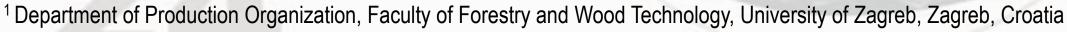


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Illicit trade affects all aspects of contemporary societies.

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global sustainability by consuming excessive planetary resources and undermining the regulated functioning of international markets.





It poses a risk to human security and safety and threatens



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