

Traceability of information about the source of timber and processed timber products

Information for our clients

In February 2000, PALLISCO company launched a project to set up and manage a personalised stock management and timber monitoring computer system. In December 2000, the system and its methods of management (field books and labels) were introduced at two forest sites (Eboumétoum and Mindourou). Originally designed to daily record the volume of timber per species at the logyards, this designable and personalised tool quickly appeared to be indispensable for facilitating day-to-day operations especially the following :

- verification of the identity of timber (unique number, source and log markings),
- determination of the use of timber per species and quality (control of flows),
- stock management (entries/exits, physical transformation, upgrading/downgrading of quality),
- follow-up of operations carried out on each log (cutting, transportation, etc.),
- search for timber that corresponds to specific characteristics (various criteria),
- financial valuation of the various stocks,
- management of documents used on the field (regulatory and internal),
- administrative and fiscal (taxes) declarations.

In June 2001, the management of CIFM also decided to adopt the same system for internal management of timber at its processing site.

The introduction of this computer system made it possible to secure the movement of logs at the different logyards and between our different sites (up to Douala).

Within the framework of exploitation of its forest resources, PALLISCO designed its own standing-tree numbering for inventory purposes in March 2003 and set up a monitoring and follow-up method by linking the internal number to the unique national number of the Ministry of the Environment and Forestry marked after felling. Mainstreamed in the computer system, this information makes it possible to determine the exact source-forest of each log used or marketed.

For logs coming from outside (purchased), the main information about each log (unique number and forest exploitation permit) constitute the indispensable legal references and are used in the computer system for their follow-up.


Before entering the processing factories (sawmills), each log is checked and recorded in the computer system. Given that a sawing contract states the species as well as the start and end of processing dates, it is possible to determine the origin of the logs processed.

In accordance with the NF-ISO 8402 standard, "traceability is the ability to trace the origin, the use or the location of an entity by means of recorded identification information".

Firmly committed to ensure rigorous management of its raw materials for several years now (timber from its own resources or purchased), PALLISCO and CIFM have a performing and adaptable computer tool that allows for determining the source and movements of their timber.

The legal nature of the source, exploitation and processing of forest resources coupled with the traceability of the logs, all give PALLISCO and CIFM clients confidence that the timber marketed is from a legal and clearly identified source.

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