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Last CPET timber and palm oil workshop

CPET is running the last free Timber Procurement Policy workshop on the 2nd February from 13.00-17.00. The palm oil workshop will run at 11.30am for an hour.

Due to the CPET service closing at the end of March 2016, these will be the last TPP and palm oil workshops offered for free by the service. The timber procurement policy (TPP) training workshop will discuss the scope of the TPP, what is required and types of evidence that can be supplied. Compliance is mandatory for central government departments, executive agencies and NDPB's. If you have yet to attend a TPP workshop (or haven't attended in the past two years) we would strongly recommend taking advantage of this free support.

The session will also be accompanied by a one-hour session on sourcing sustainable palm oil (another commodity that CPET can provide support on). For more information, or to register to secure a place on the session please contact cpet@efeca.com. Please note that spaces are limited, and so we advise booking as soon as possible.

Greening Government Commitments (GGCs) Annual Report

The Greening Government Commitments are part of a framework of targets to reduce the government's environmental impact by the end of this year, compared to a 2009-2010

baseline. The November 2015 Annual Report showed that the target to reduce paper use by 10% has been surpassed, with paper use in government reduced by 38%. The report also confirmed that there has been a widespread incorporation of sustainability within procurement guidance. The majority of major refurbishment and construction projects demonstrated compliance with the TPP and most departments monitor the impact of their supply chains. All of the 22 reporting departments have in place a policy to refurbish or recycle furniture where it is possible. The full report covering all of the Greening Government Commitments targets can be read [here](#).



Comparing European Timber Procurement Policies

In December, a non-paper which looked at the commonalities and differences of timber procurement policies of six EU member states, including the UK has been produced. CPET provided input to this paper, to support a comparison of procurement policies of several countries. The full report, published by ISAFOR, can be accessed [here](#).



Changes to the Renewables Obligation scheme



From 1 December 2015, operators of generating stations in Great Britain with a total installed capacity ≥ 1 MW using solid biomass and/or biogas fuels now have to meet the sustainability criteria in order to be eligible for support under the Renewables Obligation scheme. As part of this change, the Timber Standard for Heat and Electricity has now been written into the Renewables Obligation legislation. Ofgem has published revised guidance setting out these changes on the [RO Biomass Sustainability](#) on their website. This includes the results of a benchmarking exercise of 5 voluntary schemes against the sustainability criteria for woody biomass, to assist operators in reporting against the criteria.

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