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In 2014, two schemes were put forward for the TPP Category A evidence certified scheme review: the [Forest Stewardship Council \(FSC\)](#) and [Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification \(PEFC\)](#). An independent technical panel reviewed the evidence (communicating with the schemes throughout) before presenting their findings to the CPET reference board. Defra then approved the results in September 2015. For the schemes to meet the Category A criteria, it is mandatory to meet 100% of the legality criteria and at least 70% of the

sustainability criteria.

Defra has announced that both schemes are 100% compliant with the Category A legality criteria and both are over 90% compliant with the sustainability criteria. This is an excellent result and demonstrates the dedication of both schemes to continuing to support legal and sustainable timber. To see the Category A Scheme Assessment Summary Report, [click here](#).

CPET's work to date

Timber procurement policies (TPPs) are important instruments for driving the continued demand for sustainability. CPET has successfully provided support on timber procurement since 2004, and on woodfuel and palm oil procurement since 2012 when Efeca-LTS took over



the delivery of the service. Since September 2012, CPET has provided 18 free workshops, training over 1000 people on compliance with the UK TPP. Feedback from sessions has been excellent: over 80% of attendees say their workshop was either 'good' or 'excellent'. This demonstrates a consistently high quality training service. Reflecting feedback from a 2015 report by WWF on Timber Procurement Policy implementation, CPET has now adapted the free training workshops to focus on embedding internal processes within central government whilst complying with the TPP. This new training format will be delivered both in York and in London to ensure that a range of departments can attend. Central government, NDPBs and Executive Agencies are invited to attend these workshops in mid-October. Please contact cpet@efeca.com for more information.

The future of CPET

Since its inception, CPET has played a significant role in supporting the increased uptake of sustainable timber in the public sector and in support to government buyers and suppliers implementing the UK government Timber Procurement Policy. The CPET helpline and workshops have been an important part of the support, and will continue until March 2016. However, in response to the success of CPET and to changing contextual issues, Defra's work to support sustainable procurement by government across different goods and services is evolving.



The service will change to focus on complex procurement situations such as those of high value or public visibility. Bespoke technical support will also be available for government contractors or suppliers, on request/if required.

The popular CPET helpline service will also be changing. From October 2015, CPET will continue to answer timber, palm oil and woodfuel queries. However due to budgetary restraints, we may not be able to answer some of the complex woodfuel queries. Further information on woodfuel and complying with the sustainability criteria can also be found in the [Woodfuel Guidance Documents](#).

CPET will continue to produce the newsletters that are sent to the 2800+ people on our mailing list as well as being published on our website. To register to receive our timber and woodfuel newsletters, please email 'subscribe' to cpet@efeca.com.

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