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Agenda Item: II.A

Australian Government: Combatting Illegal Logging - Progress Update

Purpose: Information
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**27th Experts Group on Illegal Logging
and Associated Trade Meeting
Gyeongju, Korea
26-27 February 2025**



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Combatting illegal logging: Progress update

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Overview

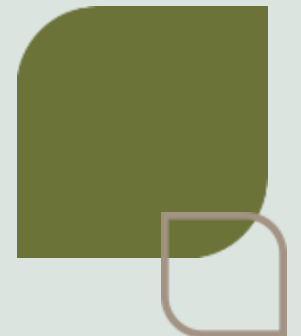
- Australia's illegal logging prohibition law reforms now finalised.
 - What does this mean for overseas suppliers?
 - How are CSGs (Country Specific Guidelines) still recognized?
 - How are we supporting our regulated community?

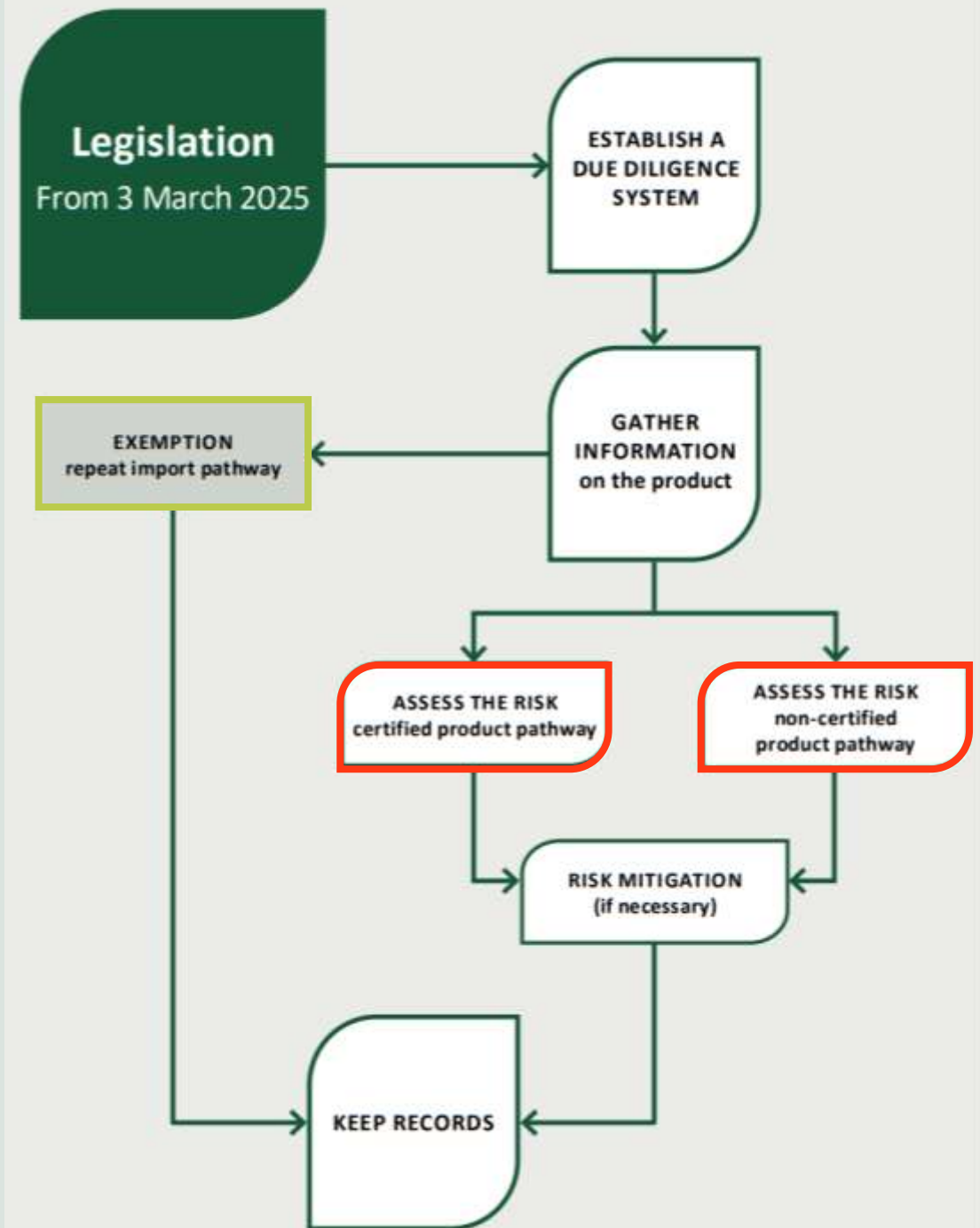
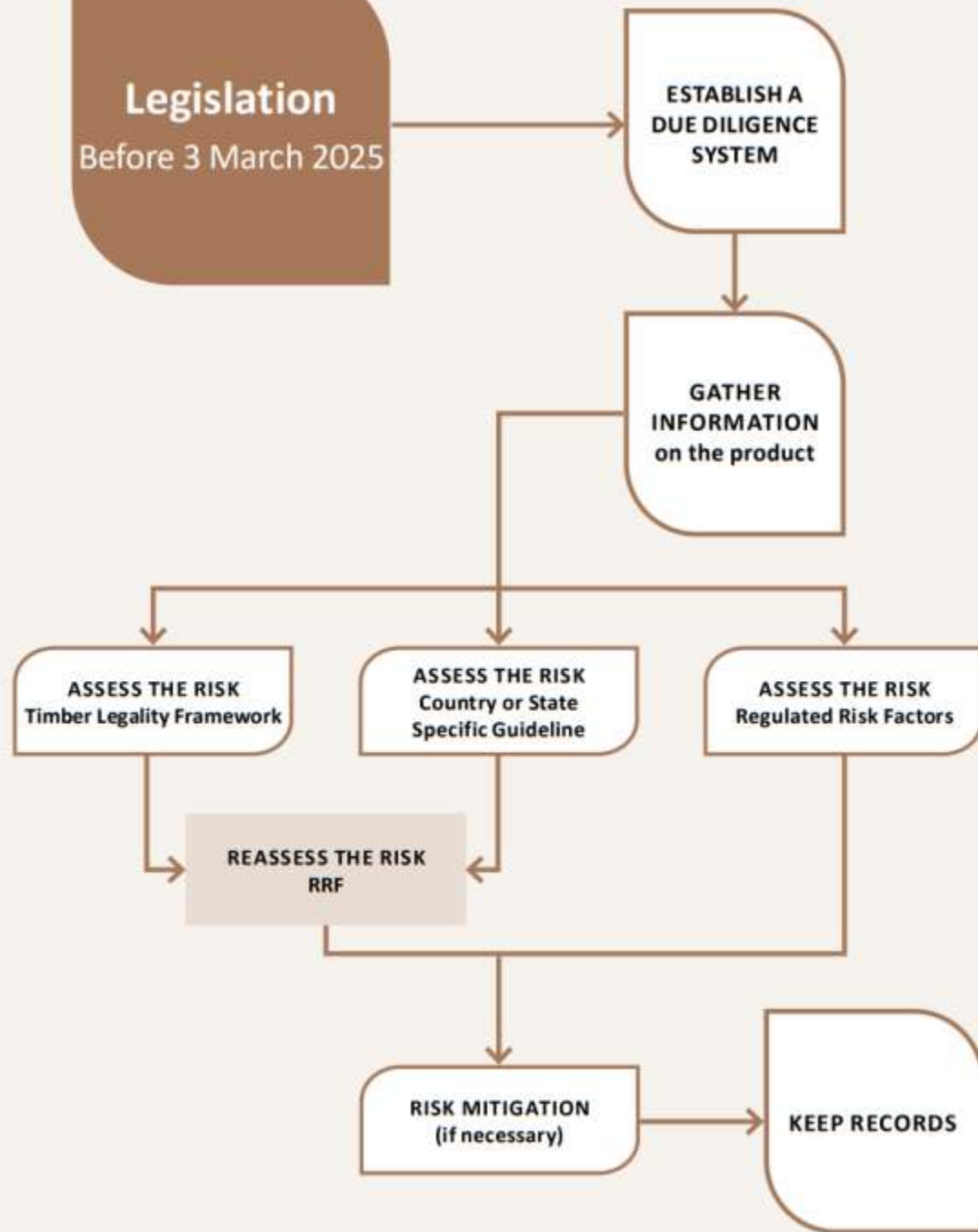




Illegal logging law reforms

- **Come into effect on 3 March 2025.**
- Amendments to ***Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012***
 - More flexible enforcement options
 - Powers to publish findings
 - Timber testing powers
 - Requirement to provide notice of import/processing
- New **Illegal Logging Prohibition Rules 2024** to replace current Regulation
 - Changes to due diligence process
 - Introduce new exemptions





Implementation

- Six-month transition period
 - Focus on education and guidance relating to new arrangements
 - Further action taken on major non-compliance
- Two reforms won't be fully implemented until systems are in place
 - Timber testing
 - Notification requirement



Overseas suppliers

- Exporters are **not directly regulated** under Australia's illegal logging laws.
- However, Australian importers may ask overseas suppliers for evidence of legal harvest.
- Important to be aware of these laws.
- For more information, visit:
agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/forestry/policies/illegal-logging/overseas-supplier



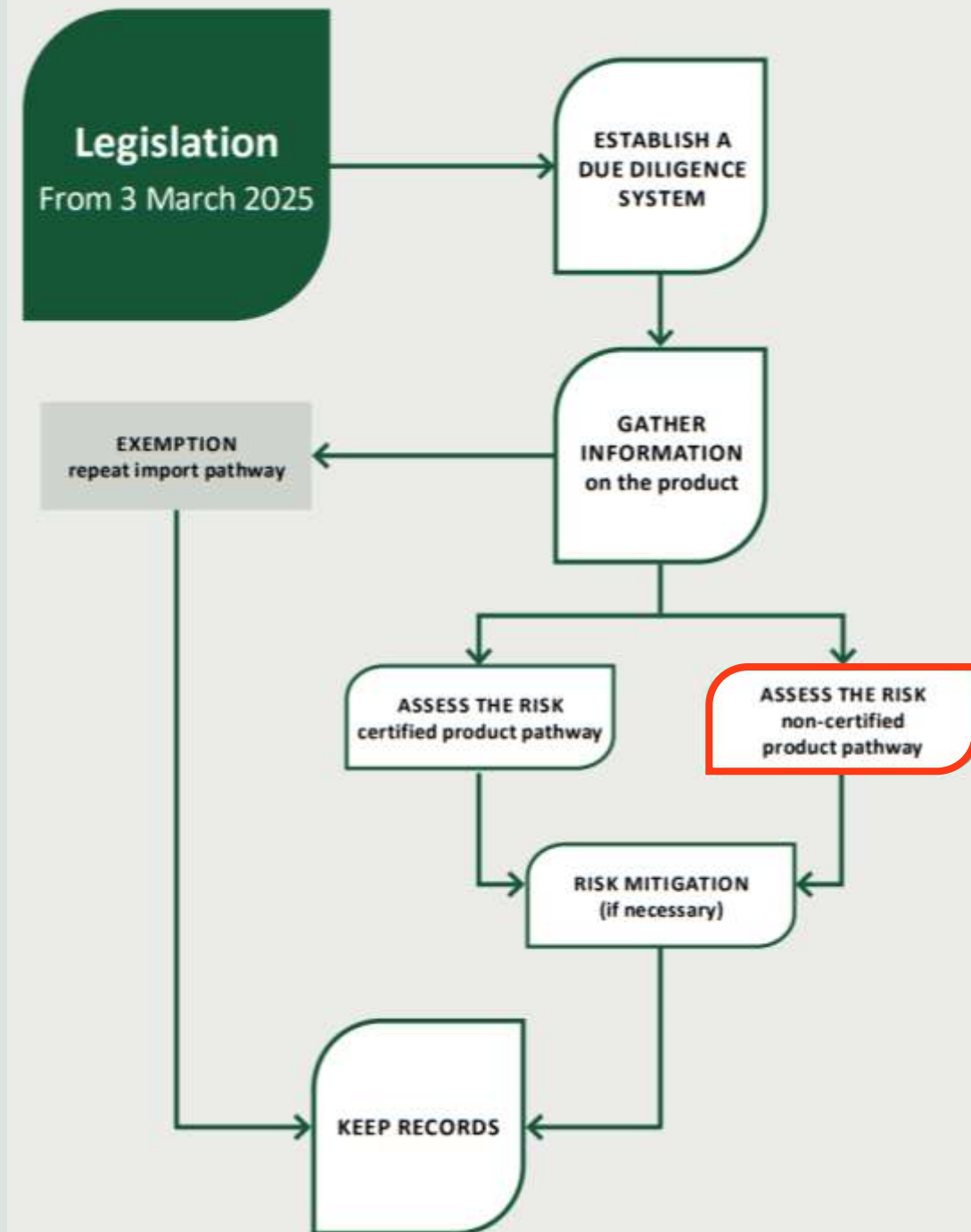
CSGs (Country Specific Guidelines)

- Provide practical guidance on what to consider when undertaking due diligence.
- Outline legal frameworks in and provide example documentation
- Ensure **legal** trade is not disrupted by Australia's illegal logging laws.
- We welcome member economies to contact us about opportunities to develop new CSGs - illegallogging@aff.gov.au



CSGs under legislative reforms

- Stand alone CSG risk assessment pathway removed.
- **CSGs will continue to play an important role** in assisting the due diligence process.
- Importers will still be required to consider the CSG information under the non-certified pathway.
- CSGs continue to present a collaborative opportunity to facilitate legal trade.



Supporting compliance efforts

- Communication and guidance strategy:
 - Prior to 3 March 2025
 - Increased frequency of e-newsletter
 - Increased engagement with industry & governments
 - Factsheets
 - Digikits
 - Toolkits
 - >15 webpages
 - Post-3 March 2025
 - Potential webinars
 - Developing more FAQs
 - Revising guidance material





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Thank you

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