

**Voluntary Report** – Voluntary - Public Distribution

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**Report Name:** The Revised Clean Wood Act to be Enacted from April 2025

**Country:** Japan

**Post:** Tokyo

**Report Category:** Wood Products

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**Report Highlights:**

Japan has decided to fully enact the revised Clean Wood Act from April 1, 2025.

**Background:**

The Government of Japan (GOJ) decided to fully enact the revised Clean Wood Act from April 1, 2025.

On May 8, 2023, [the revised Clean Wood Act](#) passed in Japan's Diet. Wood product importers will be required to perform due diligence, such as collecting raw material information and checking the legality of harvest. The raw material information must include the species name and harvested area. Japan's Forestry Agency has proposed the types of information deemed appropriate for due diligence and [opened public comment period](#) until November 9, 2023. Please see further details in [JA2023-0113](#). The Clean Wood Act states that the grace period will not extend more than two years but does not specify an exact date.

On December 1, 2023, the GOJ published [Cabinet Order 2023 No.342](#) based on the [results of public comments](#). In the Cabinet Order, the GOJ specified the revised Clean Wood Act enactment date (i.e., April 1, 2025), as well the types of documents considered acceptable for due diligence. The Forestry Agency will continue to announce additional details under the revised Clean Wood Act.

For more information about the original Clean Wood Act, please see [JA8002](#). For details about Japan's general certification requirements for imported forest products, please see [JA2019-0214](#).

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.