



**Ministry of Agriculture and Food**  
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**Information note**

Regulation 995/2010 EU laying down obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market entered into force in the European Union on the 3rd of March 2013.

As a member of the European Free Trade Agreement (EFTA) and party to the EEA agreement Norway is working to implement the regulation. The process of incorporating the regulation in the EEA agreement should be finalised before the end of 2013. It is the intention that the regulation will enter into force in Norway in 2013 and that Norway will operate on the same level as the EU countries regarding the timber regulation.

Norwegian authorities have started working on implementation of the regulation which will be based on existing comprehensive systems for the registration of timber and checks on compliance within national legislation on sustainable forest management. By using the already well-developed Norwegian timber registration system, all operators will have access to necessary information on timber supplies and which forest property each supply comes from. This information is already available to Norwegian operators and authorities.