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<u>Top story</u> Labelling system for domestic furniture

The Japan Furniture Industry Development Association has established a new 'labelling' system for domestically made furniture. The aim is to generate higher sales of locally made furniture.

To meet the criteria for labelling manufacturers must be implementing a raw material chain of custody system such as that of FSC, PEFC and SGEC, or have a supplier's certificate verifying the legality of the wood raw material.

Headlines

- Sixty percent of Sarawak's 2013 log exports go to India
- Myanmar revises deadline for export log payments
- Arbitrary tax structure weakening Brazilian forest sector
- Bank of Guyana reports increased loans to forestry sector
- China's forestry "go global" accelerating
- Signs of revival in European wooden furniture manufacturing
- European furniture shows highlight continuing strong fashion for oak
- Canada and US partnership develops EPDs for MDF and particleboard

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