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**Submitter:** Environmental Investigation Agency - US (EIA-US)  
**Party:** Colombia  
**Date filed:** February 28, 2023  
**Submission ID:** USCOLSALASEEM/COL/01/2024  
**Subject:** Acknowledgement of receipt

Dear EIA-US,

We hereby acknowledge receipt of your submission sent to the Secretariat for Environmental Enforcement Matters by email on February 28, which has been assigned the code USCOLSALASEEM/COL/01/2024, and has been entitled "Export of wood flooring".

In accordance with the provisions of the environmental chapter of the Trade Promotion Agreement (TPA) between Colombia and the United States (U.S.), the Secretariat will proceed to make an initial Determination regarding compliance with the following admissibility requirements established in Article 18.8.2 of the TPA:

- a. is in writing in either English or Spanish;*
- b. clearly identifies the person making the submission;*
- c. provides sufficient information to allow the secretariat to review the submission, including any documentary evidence on which the submission may be based and identification of the environmental laws of which the failure to enforce is asserted;*
- d. appears to be aimed at promoting enforcement rather than at harassing industry;*
- e. indicates that the matter has been communicated in writing to the relevant authorities of the Party and indicates the Party's response, if any; and*
- f. is filed by a person of a Party, except as provided in paragraph 3.*

If the above requirements are met, the Secretariat will process the submission in accordance with the provisions set forth in Articles 18.8 and 18.9 of the TPA.

The Secretariat will inform you in a timely manner about the progress and updates in the processing of your submission. Any future correspondence will be sent to the e-mail address provided, unless you express interest in receiving hard copy correspondence.

In response to your request and in accordance with Article 8.1 of the Agreement for the Establishment of the Secretariat, this body will not furnish to the public or allow public access to any information it may receive that its submitter has identified as confidential, as well as the disclosure of which could reveal submitter's identity and subject to serious reprisal. Except for the information indicated as confidential, the submission process will be available to the public on the website <https://uscolombiasalaseem.org/en/applications-submitted/> where you can check its status. The Secretariat shall advise the Parties and publish the respective public notice.

For any electronic communication, you can continue contacting us at [info@uscolombiasalaseem.org](mailto:info@uscolombiasalaseem.org).

Yours sincerely,

(Original signed)

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**Secretariat for Environmental Enforcement Matters**

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