



Malaysian Timber Certification Council

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MTCC Certificates Accepted Under The Netherlands Keurhout Hallmark System For Sustainable & Legal Origin

MTCC is pleased to announce that with the switch from the use of the MC&I(2001) to MC&I(2002), at the end of 2005, two FMUs i.e. the Negeri Sembilan and Pahang FMUs which have complied with the requirement of the MC&I(2002) have been accepted under the Keurhout Protocol for Sustainable Forest Management (KH-SFM) in April 2008 while another three FMUs i.e. Kedah, Perak and Kelantan continued to be accepted under the Keurhout Protocol for Legal Origin (KH-LET).

The acceptance of these FMUs under the KH-SFM is most encouraging to MTCC and is further testimony that the phased approach adopted by MTCC in operating the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) has been pragmatic and appropriate.

In addition, 29 MTCC Chain-of-Custody (CoC) Certificates holders have been accepted under the KH-LET (including two re-admissions and one new admission). Hence MTCC has a total of two FMUs are accepted under KH-SFM, while three FMUs and 29 CoC Certificates holders are accepted under the KH-LET. The list of the accepted Certificate holders can be obtained from the following link: http://www.keurhout.nl/english/cetificates_legal.htm

MTCC has submitted the assessment / verification reports of three more FMUs for consideration by the Keurhout Board of Experts. The assessment under KH-SFM comprises the following elements: I) introduction and assessment scheme (validation requests, procedures, complaints etc), II) requirements for the forest management system, III) requirement for the forest management performance, IV) requirement for the certification body and V) requirement for the chain-of-custody.

Certified Companies Can Now Apply For Tax Deduction On Expenses Incurred In Obtaining CoC Certification

Companies holding the MTCC *Certificate for Chain-of-Custody* can now apply to the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negara – LHDN) for tax deduction on expenses incurred when obtaining chain-of-custody (CoC) certification from MTCC under the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS), with effect from the assessment year 2007.

The Minister of Finance, in exercising the powers conferred by paragraph 154(1)(b) of the Income Tax Act 1967 [Act 53], has cited the rules involved as the Income Tax (Deduction for Cost of Obtaining Chain of Custody Certification from Malaysian Timber Certification Council) Rules 2008. These Rules were gazetted on 14 February 2008.

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MTCC Submits its Scheme for PEFC Endorsement

MTCC has formally submitted the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) for endorsement of the PEFC Council (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes) on 28 March 2008.

The submission is part of MTCC's measures to further strengthen and enhance the acceptance of the MTCS in the international market. The submission was made possible following steps taken to implement a new institutional arrangement for the MTCS where MTCC plays the role of the National Governing Body (NGB) for timber certification, with the Department of Standards Malaysia (Standards Malaysia) (the national accreditation body) as the Accreditation Body (AB) which accredits qualified companies or organizations as Certification Bodies (CBs), under the MTCS.

Following the submission, in conjunction with the MTCC-Hamburg Workshop in Hamburg on 16 April 2008, MTCC held a follow-up discussion with the PEFC in Luxembourg on 14 April 2008. The discussion with the PEFC provided greater clarity and guidance regarding the documentation required under the PEFC endorsement process. For further information regarding the MTCC submission for endorsement of the PEFC Council, please contact MTCC.



Discussion with PEFC Secretariat

Export of MTCC-Certified Timber Products

By Destination (in February 2008)

Destination	Volume (cu.m)
The Netherlands	3,653.80
United Kingdom	2,041.39
Denmark	519.03
Belgium	104.94
France	68.67
Germany	24.09
Australia	21.94
Total	6,433.86

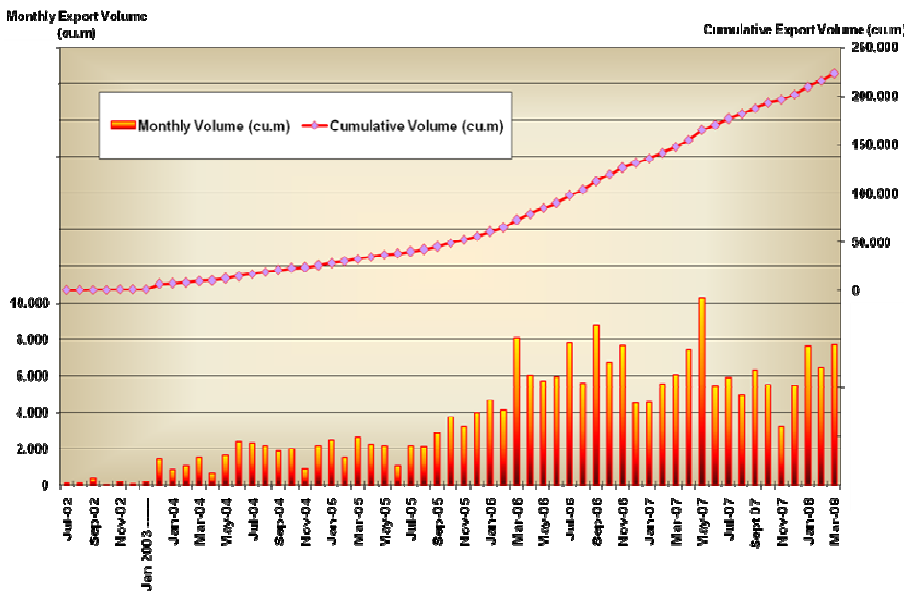
By Product (in February 2008)

Product	Volume (cu.m)
Plywood	3,318.97
Sawn Timber	2,584.89
Moulding	530.00
Total	6,433.86

Export of MTCC-Certified Timber Products

Monthly & Cumulative Exports

Source : MTIB / MTCC



Volume exported in February 2008: 6,433.86 cu.m

Volume exported in March 2008: 7,670.98 cu.m

Cumulative volume exported since July 2002: 223,001 cu.m

By Destination (in March 2008)

Destination	Volume (cu.m)
The Netherlands	3,646.23
United Kingdom	1,752.26
Belgium	815.93
Denmark	811.79
France	249.16
Ireland	214.33
Germany	138.96
Australia	42.32
Total	7,670.98

By Product (in March 2008)

Product	Volume (cu.m)
Plywood	4,078.67
Sawn Timber	3,307.37
Moulding	284.94
Total	7,670.98

Holders of Certificate for Forest Management [MC&I(2001)]: 5 Forest Management Units (3 Certificates valid)

Holders of Certificate for Forest Management [MC&I(2002)]: 5 Forest Management Units

Holders of Certificate for Chain-of-Custody: 118 Timber Companies (108 Certificates valid)

Further details on the validity, size and location of the Forest Management Units and contact information on MTCC certificate holders can be obtained at: www.mtcc.com.my