

**PUBLIC SUMMARY OF FOURTH SURVEILLANCE VISIT OF PAHANG FMU
FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION**

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Result of Surveillance Visit

The scope of the surveillance visit focused mainly on the verification of the corrective actions taken by the Pahang State Forestry Department in addressing the outstanding Minor Corrective Action Request (CAR). In addition, the surveillance visit also assessed the overall forest management practices within the Permanent Forest Estate (PFE), including conducting random visits to Forest Checking Station(s) to ensure that these practices are conducted in compliance with the requirements of the *MC&I*(2001).

As a result of the Fourth Surveillance Visit, the remaining outstanding Minor CAR (PAH-017) relating to inconsistencies in recording of log measurements at the Forest Checking Station, was closed-out. However, one new Minor CAR (PAH-018) relating to the preparation of Forest Management Plan (FMP) was issued.

As no Major CAR was raised during the Fourth Surveillance Visit and the new Minor CAR issued does not preclude certification, SGS has recommended that the *Certificate for Forest Management* issued to the Pahang FMU be maintained. However, the Pahang FMU is required to take the necessary actions to address the new Minor CAR raised before the next surveillance visit.

A summary of the CARs is as shown in **Table 1**.

Note: For general information on the FMU and the assessment process under the MTCC scheme, please refer to the “Public Summary of Assessment of Pahang FMU for Forest Management Certification”.

Table 1: Summary of Corrective Action Requests (CARs) and Closed-out Details

CAR No.	Criterion	Indicator	Status of CAR	Nature of CAR	Close-Out Details
PAH-017	3: Flow of Forest Produce	3.3: Existence and implementation of: (a) forest management plans, and (b) forest harvesting (operational) plans.	Minor	Inconsistencies in recording of log measurements at Forest Checking Station (BPH) resulting in inaccuracies of log size recorded onto the Removal Pass (<i>Pas Memindah</i>).	<p>The Pahang Forestry Department has introduced a new form for recording of log measurement on timber lorry at the BPH. Visits to three Forest Checking Stations verified that the details as recorded in the Removal Passes tallied with the records of actual measurement at all BPH visited by the auditors. The details were also updated onto the log tagging book immediately to ensure that the tag number were not re-used. Additionally, it was observed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree tagging book is updated on site before the lorry left the BPH. • Computer system is introduced at four BPH. • Pahang Forestry Department has introduced security marked Removal Pass. • Enforcement unit also conducted random operation (i.e road blocks or visit to the sawmill) to ensure legitimacy of the Removal Pass used for transporting the log. <p>Minor CAR PAH-017 was closed-out on 6 October 2006.</p>
PAH-018	3: Flow of Forest Produce	3.3: Existence and implementation of: (a) forest management plans, and (b) forest harvesting (operational) plans.	Minor (New)	The 10-year Forest Management Plan (FMP) for Pahang FMU covering the period of 2001 – 2005 has expired. Currently, the Pahang FMU has only a draft FMP, covering the period of 2006 – 2015.	New Minor CAR raised during the Fourth Surveillance Visit.