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REVIEW OF MC&I(2002) – COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM SARAWAK TIMBER ASSOCIATION

Principal changes proposed for the MC&I(Natural Forests) as a result of the review of MC&I(2002) **affecting Sarawak** include:

Principle 1: Compliance with Laws ~~and Principles~~–(based on Hamburg review)

Criterion	Indicator	Verifier	Comments and rationale
1.1 Forest management shall respect all federal and state laws and administrative requirements.	1.1.1 Records and availability of up-to-date relevant federal and state laws, and regulations and policies, in particular those related to forest management	<p><u>Sarawak</u></p> <p><u>Federal Laws</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Constitution • Employees’ Social Security Act, 1969 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Employees’ Social Security (General Regulations), 1971 • Environmental Quality Act, 1974 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Environmental Quality (Scheduled Wastes) Regulations, 1989 • Human Rights Commission of Malaysia Act, 1999 • Industrial Relations Act, 1967 • Occupational Safety and Health Act, 1994 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Occupational Safety and Health (Use and Standards of Exposure of Chemicals Hazardous to Health) Regulations, 2000 • Pesticides Act, 1974 • Trade Unions Act, 1959 (Act 262) • Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1952 (to add) <p><u>State Laws</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarawak State Constitution (to add) • Forests Ordinance, 1954 (Cap. 126) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Forest Rules, 1962 • Labour Ordinance, 1952 (Sarawak Cap. 76) • Land Code, 1958 (Cap. 81) • Native Courts Ordinance, 1992 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Native Courts Rules, 1993 • Natural Resources and Environment Ordinance, 1993 	<p>Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1952 • Sarawak State Constitution • National Policy on Environment, 2002 <p>Deletion of Verifier that is irrelevant to Forest Management Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pesticides Act 1974 <p>Relevant verifier to be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Timber Industry Policy, 2008 <p>The word “All” should be deleted and “Adats” has no ‘s’</p>

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		<p>(Cap. 84)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Natural Resources and Environment (Prescribed Activities) Order 1994 ● Sarawak Biodiversity Centre Ordinance, 1997 ● Sarawak Cultural Heritage Ordinance, 1993 ● Sarawak Rivers Ordinance, 1993 (Cap. 4) ● Water Ordinance, 1994 ● Wild Life Protection Ordinance, 1998 (Cap. 26) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wild Life Protection Rules, 1998 ● All-Adats codified under the Native Customs (Declaration) Ordinance, 1996, and any other established customs of the communities recognised and enforceable by the Native Courts under the Native Courts Ordinance, 1992 and the Native Courts Rules, 1993 ● Decisions of the Civil Courts pertaining to legal or customary tenure or use rights <p><u>Policies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Statement of Forest Policy, 1954 ● National Policy on Biological Diversity, 1998 ● National Policy on Environment, 2002 (to add) ● National Timber Industry Policy, 2008 (to add) 	
	<p>1.1.2 Forest managers are aware/knowledgeable of the relevant federal and state laws, administrative requirements, and the regulatory framework for forest management.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion with forest managers on the relevant federal and state laws, administrative requirements and the regulatory framework, as well as conducting field observations 	<p>Verifier added in line with MC&I(Forest Plantations)</p>
	<p>1.1.3 No Change</p>	<p>No change</p>	

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1.2 No change	1.2.1 No change	No change	
	1.2.2 No change	No change	
1.3 The provisions of all binding international agreements such as CITES, ILO Conventions, ITTA, and Convention on Biological Diversity, shall be respected.	1.3.1 Forest managers are aware of international agreements binding to Malaysia relevant to forest management.	Where relevant, provisions related to forest management of the following binding international agreements are reflected in forest management plan* and respected in forest management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992 - Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity, 2000 (to add) • Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, 1973 • Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat, 1971 • Core International Labour Organization (ILO) Conventions • International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994 • United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1992 	Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992 - Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity, 2000 <p>We are not sure of the implication of the ratification of ILO Conventions by Malaysia- we need understanding for adoption of "core" at the relevant criterion and/or verifier</p>
1.4 No change	1.4.1 No change	No change	
	1.4.2 No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records (minutes, diaries, etc) of forest manager's participation in resolving such conflicts 	Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records (minutes, diaries, etc) of forest manager's participation in resolving such conflicts

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1.5 No change	1.5.1 No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forests Ordinance, 1954 (Cap. 126) • Forest Rules, 1962 • Land Code, 1958 (Cap. 81) • AllAdats codified under the Native Customs (Declaration) Ordinance, 1996, and any other established customs of the communities recognised and enforceable by the Native Courts under the Native Courts Ordinance, 1992 and the Native Courts Rules, 1993 • Decisions of the Civil Courts pertaining to legal or customary tenure or use rights • Statement of Forest Policy, 1954 	<p>This Criterion may not be able to be dealt with by FMU alone. Other agencies/authorities must be involved. There should be special consideration for Sarawak.</p> <p>Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Rules, 1962 • Land Code, 1958 (Cap. 81) • AllAdats codified under the Native Customs (Declaration) Ordinance, 1996, and any other established customs of the communities recognised and enforceable by the Native Courts under the Native Courts Ordinance, 1992 and the Native Courts Rules, 1993 • Decisions of the Civil Courts pertaining to legal or customary tenure or use rights <p>The word “All” should be deleted and “Adats” has no ‘s’</p>
	1.5.2 No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records of monitoring and actions taken 	<p>Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation:</p> <p>Records of monitoring and actions taken</p>

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<p>1.6 Forest manager shall demonstrate feasibility of long-term management and commitment to SFM</p>	<p>1.6.1 No Change</p>	<p>No change</p>	<p>To add the word ‘feasibility’, ‘management’ and ‘SFM’ in the Criterion</p>
	<p>1.6.2 No change</p>	<p>No change</p>	

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Principle 2: Tenure and Use Rights and Responsibilities

Criterion	Indicator	Verifier	Comments and rationale
2.1 No change	2.1.1 No change	No change	
	2.1.2 No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forests Ordinance, 1954 (Cap. 126) • Land Code, 1958 (Cap. 81) • Forest Timber Licence • AllAdats codified under the Native Customs (Declaration) Ordinance, 1996, and any other established customs of the communities recognised and enforceable by the Native Courts under the Native Courts Ordinance, 1992 and the Native Courts Rules, 1993 • Decisions of the Civil Courts pertaining to legal or customary tenure or use rights 	The word “All” should be deleted and “Adats” has no ‘s’
2.2 No change	2.2.1 Availability of documentation of legal or customary tenure or use rights of local communities within relevant federal and state legal frameworks for the forest area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Code, 1958 (Cap. 81) • AllAdats codified under the Native Customs (Declaration) Ordinance, 1996, and any other established customs of the communities recognised and enforceable by the Native Courts under the Native Courts Ordinance, 1992 and the Native Courts Rules, 1993 • Decisions of the Civil Courts pertaining to legal or customary tenure or use rights • Notification in Sarawak Government Gazette • Contractual agreement with local communities with legal or customary tenure or use rights for use of land 	Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Code, 1958 (Cap. 81) • Contractual agreement with local communities with legal or customary tenure or use rights for use of land <p>The word “All” should be deleted and “Adats” has no ‘s’</p>
	2.2.2 No change	No change	

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2.3 No change	2.3.1 To be deleted	To be deleted	In line with MC&I(Forest Plantations)
	2.3.2 (to become 2.3.1) Availability of appropriate mechanisms to resolve disputes over tenure claims and use rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records of outcomes of direct negotiations or arbitration • Records of decisions of Native Courts • Records of decisions of Civil Courts • Records of disputes over tenure and use rights are maintained 	Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records of outcomes of direct negotiations or arbitration • Records of decisions of Native Courts • Records of decisions of Civil Courts • Records of disputes over tenure and use rights are maintained

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Principle 3: Indigenous Peoples’ Rights and Community Relations (to add)

The legal and customary rights of indigenous peoples to own, use and manage their lands, territories, and resources shall be recognised and respected. Forest management operations shall maintain or enhance the long-term social and economic well-being of local communities. (to add)

Comment and rationale: Community Relations is being brought forward from Principle 4 because it has to do with indigenous peoples’ rights rather than worker’s rights

Criterion	Indicator	Verifier	Comments
3.1 No change	3.1.1 No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forests Ordinance Sections 6,10,16,25, 32(1), 35, 46,47 Land Code, 1958 (Cap. 81) Notification in Sarawak Government Gazette AllAdats codified under the Native Customs (Declaration) Ordinance, 1996, and any other established customs of the communities recognised and enforceable by the Native Courts under the Native Courts Ordinance, 1992 and the Native Courts Rules, 1993 Decisions of the Civil Courts pertaining to legal or customary tenure or use rights 	<p>The word “All” should be deleted and “Adats” has no ‘s’</p> <p>An inclusion for this verifier was proposed in Hamburg Project.</p>
	3.1.2 No change	No change	
	3.1.3 No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records of outcomes of direct negotiations or arbitration Records of decisions of Native Courts Records of decisions of Civil Courts Records of conflicts and grievances between parties involved 	<p>Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records of outcomes of direct negotiations or arbitration Records of decisions of Native Courts Records of decisions of Civil Courts Records of conflicts and grievances between parties involved

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Criterion	Indicator	Verifier	Comments
3.2 No change	3.2.1 No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitigation measures incorporated into Forest Management Plan Compliance with the Forest Timber Licence Recognition of tenure and resource-based rights under established laws Compliance with the Forest Management Plan 	An inclusion for this verifier was proposed in Hamburg Project.
3.3 No change	3.3.1 No change	No change	This Criterion serves as HCV 5 and 6
	3.3.2 No change	No change	
3.4 No change	3.4.1 No change	No change	Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation of appropriate mechanisms for consultation and compensation for the commercial utilization of traditional forest-related knowledge and practices of indigenous people
	3.4.2 No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation of appropriate mechanisms for consultation and compensation for the commercial utilization of traditional forest-related knowledge and practices of indigenous people 	

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<p>To add 3.5 from 4.1 No change</p>	<p>To add 3.5.1 from 4.1.1 No change</p>	<p>No change</p>	<p>Criteria 4.1, 4.4 and 4.5 are put in Principle 3 as this is related to community relation</p>
	<p>To add 3.5.2 from 4.1.2 – No change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment records • Training records • Contract records • Documentation of management commitment • Records of efforts to recruit workers from local communities 	<p>Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of management commitment • Records of efforts to recruit workers from local communities
<p>To add 3.6 from 4.4 No change</p>	<p>To add 3.6.1 from 4.4.1 No change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report • Social baseline studies / impact assessment • Records of meetings and/or consultations between forest manager and affected local communities 	<p>Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report • Social baseline studies / impact assessment • Records of meetings and/or consultations between forest manager and affected local communities
	<p>To add 3.6.2 from 4.4.2 - No change</p>	<p>No change</p>	

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<p>To add 3.7 from 4.5 No change</p>	<p>To add 3.7.1 from 4.5.1 - Provisions and measures within relevant federal and state legal frameworks shall be taken to prevent loss or damage affecting the local people’s legal or customary rights, property, resources, or their livelihoods.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Constitution • Records of meetings and/or consultations between forest manager and affected local communities • Human Rights Commission of Malaysia Act, 1999 • Forest Management Plan • Land Code, 1958 (Cap. 81) • AllAdats codified under the Native Customs (Declaration) Ordinance, 1996, and any other established customs of the communities recognised and enforceable by the Native Courts under the Native Courts Ordinance, 1992 and the Native Courts Rules, 1993 • Decisions of the Civil Courts pertaining to legal or customary tenure or use rights 	<p>Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Constitution • Records of meetings and/or consultations between forest manager and affected local communities <p>The word “All” should be deleted and “Adats” has no ‘s’</p>
	<p>To add 3.7.2 from 4.5.2 - Appropriate mechanisms within relevant federal and state legal frameworks are employed to resolve grievances involving loss or damage affecting the local people’s legal or customary rights, property, resources, or their livelihoods, caused by forest management operations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records of outcomes of consultation and negotiation • Records of outcomes of arbitration • Records of decisions by Courts of Law 	<p>Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records of outcomes of consultation and negotiation

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Comment and rationale: While we fully understand the need to source, employ, train and retrain workers derived from the local communities, there should be a clear understanding of the difference and issues affecting community relation and workers' rights and in the event of conflicts to refer to the specific/relevant legal framework as last resort to make life less complicated. We propose to rephrase the title as indicated to precisely indicate its intention.

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4.1 to be moved to 3.5	4.1.1 to be moved to 3.5.1		The Community Relations criteria including 4.1, 4.4 and 4.5 could be easily accommodated where they belong in Principle 3 as 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 respectively.
	4.1.2 to be moved to 3.5.2		
4.2 (to become 4.1) No change	4.2.1 (to become 4.1.1) Up-to-date information on all applicable laws and/or regulations covering occupational safety and health of forest workers shall be disseminated to them.	Records of dissemination of safety and health information in accordance with the requirements of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees' Social Security Act, 1969 • Employees' Social Security (General) Regulations, 1971 • Occupational Safety and Health Act, 1994 • Workmen's Compensation Act, 1952 • Guidelines on occupational safety and health in logging operations • Forest Ordinance, 1954 (Cap 126)- Section 54A 	Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation: Records of dissemination of safety and health information in accordance with the requirements of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees' Social Security Act, 1969 • Employees' Social Security (General) Regulations, 1971 • Occupational Safety and Health Act, 1994 • Workmen's

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			Compensation Act, 1952 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines on occupational safety and health in logging operations <p>The word ‘all’ in indicator to be removed</p>
	4.2.2 (to become 4.1.2) Availability of management policies addressing the occupational safety and health of forest workers and their families.	No change	
	4.2.3 (to become 4.1.3) No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records of equipment and maintenance Operational procedures made available in the work place 	Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational procedures made available in the work place
	4.2.4 (to become 4.1.4) No change	No change	
	4.2.5 (to become 4.1.5) No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines for storage and handling of hazardous materials in accordance with the requirements of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Quality (Scheduled Wastes) Regulations, 1989 Occupational Safety and Health (Use and Standards of Exposure of Chemicals Hazardous to Health) Regulations, 2000 Hazardous areas clearly demarcated with proper signage 	Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines for storage and handling of hazardous materials in accordance with the requirements of the

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			following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Environmental Quality (Scheduled Wastes) Regulations, 1989 ○ Occupational Safety and Health (Use and Standards of Exposure of Chemicals Hazardous to Health) Regulations, 2000 ● Hazardous areas clearly demarcated with proper signage
4.3 (to become 4.2) No change	4.3.1 (to become 4.2.1) No change	No change	
	4.3.2 (to become 4.2.2) No change	No change	
	4.3.3 (to become 4.2.3) No change	No change	

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Principle 5: Benefits from the forest

Criterion	Indicator	Verifier	Comments
5.1 No change	5.1.1 Investments and reinvestments shall be made in forest management, including for forest administration, research, human resource development, environmental and social aspects consistent with legally established long term tenure / commensurate with long term tenure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forest Management Plan Annual operating and development budget, and expenditure 	<p>Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forest Management Plan Annual operating and development budget, and expenditure
	5.1.2 No change	No change	
5.2 No change	5.2.1 Application of forest management practices to encourage the optimal use of forest resources appropriate to site and scale of the forest management	No change	To add “appropriate to site and scale of the forest management”
	5.2.2 Application of marketing operations to encourage local processing and diversifying the mix commercial products derived from the forest appropriate to site and scale of the forest management	No change	To add “appropriate to site and scale of the forest management”

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5.3 No change	5.3.1 Availability and implementation of guidelines for reduced/low impact logging to minimise damage to other forest resources and wastage.	No change	
	5.3.2 To be removed		In line with MC&I (Forest Plantations)
5.4 No change	5.4.1 Application of forest management strategy that encourages the production of a mix of commercial forest products (timber and non-timber forest resources).	No change	
5.5 No change	5.5.1 No change	No change	This Indicator serves as HCV 4
	5.5.2 No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Management Plan • Harvesting Plan • Annual Work Plan 	Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Management Plan • Harvesting Plan • Annual Work Plan
5.6 No change	5.6.1 No change	No change	
	5.6.2 No change	No change	

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Principle 6: Environmental Impact

Criterion	Indicator	Verifier	Comments
6.1 No change	6.1.1 No change	No change	
	6.1.2 No change	No change	This Indicator serves as HCV 1
	6.1.3 No change	No change	
6.2 Safeguards shall exist which protect rare, threatened and endangered species and their habitats (e.g. nesting and feeding areas). Conservation zones and protection areas shall be established, appropriate to the scale and intensity of forest management and the uniqueness of the affected resources. Inappropriate hunting, fishing, trapping and collection shall be controlled.	6.2.1 No change	No change	The wording '(e.g. nesting and feeding areas). Conservation zones and protection areas shall be established, appropriate to the scale and intensity of forest management and the uniqueness of the affected resources. Inappropriate hunting, fishing, trapping and collection shall be controlled' is to be deleted because they are more suitable to be in indicators. This Indicator serves as HCV 1
	6.2.2 No change	No change	
	6.2.3 No change	No change	

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	6.2.4 No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records and/or reports of hunting, fishing and collecting forest products Appointment of Honorary Wildlife Rangers Circular No. DF 6/99 – Conservator of Wildlife in Forest Timber Licence Areas Forest Management Plan Wildlife Protection Ordinance, 1998 Measures to prevent inappropriate hunting, fishing and collection activities such as patrolling of forest areas, signages, closure of access to forest area 	<p>Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records and/or reports of hunting, fishing and collecting forest products
	6.2.5 No change	Records of awareness activities such as briefings, posters and publications	<p>Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records of awareness activities such as briefings, posters and publications
6.3 No change	6.3.1 No change	No change	
	6.3.2 No change	No change	
	6.3.3 No change	No change	This Indicator serves as HCV 1
6.4 No change	6.4.1 No change	No change	This Indicator serves as HCV 3
	6.4.2 No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records of implementation 	<p>Adoption of Verifiers in MC&I(Forest Plantations) in recognition of the recent development of rules and regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records of implementation

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<p>6.5 Guidelines shall be prepared and implemented to: control erosion; minimize forest damage during harvesting, road construction, and all other mechanical disturbances; and protect water resources.</p>	<p>6.5.1 No change</p>	<p>No change</p>	
	<p>6.5.2 No change</p>	<p>No change</p>	
	<p>6.5.3 No change</p>	<p>No change</p>	
	<p>6.5.4 No change</p>	<p>No change</p>	<p>This Indicator serves as HCV 2</p>
<p>6.6 No change</p>	<p>6.6.1 No change</p>	<p>• Pesticides Act, 1974</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pesticides (Labelling) Regulations, 1984 • Occupational Safety and Health (Classification, Packaging and Labelling of Hazardous Chemicals) Regulations, 1997 • Occupational Safety and Health (Use and Standard of Exposure of Chemicals Hazardous to Health) Regulations, 2000 	<p>Deletion of Verifier that is irrelevant to Forest management Certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pesticides Act 1974
	<p>6.6.2 No change</p>	<p>No change</p>	

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6.7 No change	6.7.1 and 6.7.2 to be merged as one indicator		In line with MC&I (Forest Plantations)
6.8 No change	6.8.1 No change	No change	
6.9 No change	6.9.1 and 6.9.2 to be merged as one indicator		In line with MC&I (Forest Plantations)
6.10 No change	6.10.1 No change	No change	
	6.10.2 No change	No change	

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Principle 7: Management Plan

A management plan – appropriate to the **tenure**, scale and intensity of the operations – shall be written, implemented, and kept up to date. The long term objectives of management, and the means of achieving them, shall be clearly stated.

To add the word ‘tenure’

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7.1 (a) Management objectives commensurate with the tenure of the forest management plan [Criterion (g) and (h) to be taken out as it overlapped with Principle 9]	7.1.1 Implementation of forest management plan prepared in accordance with existing regional guidelines. and relevant provisions listed in Principle #1 covering items (a) to (i) in Criterion 7.1	No change	To add ‘commensurate with the tenure of the forest management plan’ in Criterion 7.1 (a) for clarity To delete ‘and relevant provisions listed in Principle #1 covering items (a) to (i) in Criterion 7.1’ in indicator because it is confusing. The Criterion (g) and (h) serves as HCV 1
7.2 No change	7.2.1 No change	No change	
	7.2.2 No change	No change	
7.3 No change	7.3.1 No change	No change	
	7.3.2 No change	No change	
7.4	7.4.1 No change	No change	

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Principle 8: Monitoring and Assessment

Indicator 8.1.2- There is substantial overlap with 4.4.1 and 6.1.1

Indicator 8.3.1- Recent implementation of LOTS, LPI and Royalty System may need to be brought up in the verifier

Principle 9: Maintenance of High Conservation Value Forests

No Change

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Principle 10: Economic viability for SFM

The forest manager shall secure enabling conditions for SFM and is obligated to ensure economic viability for all the undertakings in the management of the forest area.

Criterion	Indicator	Verifier	Comments and rationale
10.1 Forest manager shall demonstrate commitment to long term and sustainable management of the forest area.	10.1.1 Availability of official policy or statements of commitment to forest management practices consistent with SFM affecting the long-term management of the forest area	Records or statements of official commitment affecting the forest area	Forest manager specifically include policy framework and institutional commitment to manage the area for SFM
10.2 Forest manager shall demonstrate the availability of legally established long-term tenure for the management of the forest area.	10.2.1 Availability of documentation of legally established long-term tenure for the management of the forest area.	Long Term Forest Timber Licence or Long Term Forest Management Licence Agreement or Sustainable Forest Management Licence Agreement with tenure that would enable a second and subsequent harvests	Long term tenure and use rights to the land and forest resources shall be clearly defined, documented and legally established.
10.3 Forest manager shall demonstrate the availability of a management plan consistent with the long term management objectives of the forest area.	TBA	TBA	
10.4 Forest management area must satisfy minimum enabling conditions for forest managers to achieve SFM without compromising economic viability	TBA	TBA	All the activities of the forest management operations, including those on social and environmental matters, should be carried out within the enabling conditions of a reasonable

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			<p>financial budget in order to ensure long term sustainability.</p> <p>The forest manager should assess the economic viability be able to see the economic benefit and profit before he can carry out all other forest activities.</p>

*TBA – To Be Advised