

Comments from the Secretariat based on Feedback Received from PEFC Endorsement of MTCS

1. The Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) was endorsed by the PEFC Council on 1 May 2009 with the following condition:

“MTCC will resolve the conditional wording “should” of MC&I and submit the effective resolution by 31 December 2009.”

2. In order to comply with the above-mentioned condition, MTCC issued an *Addendum to the MC&I(2002)* which took effect on 18 June 2009 to provide greater clarity on the interpretation of some of the *Criteria, Indicators and Verifiers* in *MC&I(2002)*, in particular the term “*should*” used in specific *Criteria, Indicators and Verifiers*, shall be interpreted to be having the same meaning as the term “*shall*”, and will be mandatory.
3. In conjunction with the review of the *MC&I(2002)*, and in order to meet the requirements of the PEFC Council, it is proposed that the term “*should*” as used in specific *Criteria, Indicators and Verifiers* of the *MC&I(2002)* be amended as “*shall*”, as shown in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Affected Criteria, Indicators and Verifiers of the *MC&I(2002)*

No.	Criterion	Indicator	Verifier	No.	Criterion	Indicator	Verifier
1	1.5			28		7.2.1	
2		2.1.2		29		7.2.2	
3		2.2.2		30		7.3.2	
4		3.2.1	3.2.1	31		7.4.1	
5	4.1			32	8.1		
6	4.2			33		8.1.1	
7		4.2.1		34		8.1.2	
8		4.2.3		35	8.2		
9		4.2.4		36		8.2.1	
10		4.4.1		37		8.3.1	
11		4.4.2		38		8.4.1	
12		4.5.1		39		8.5.1	
13	5.1			40		9.1.1	
14	5.2			41		9.2.1	
15	5.3			42		9.2.2	
16	5.4			43		9.3.2	
17		5.6.2		44		9.4.1	
18			6.1.1	45		9.4.2	
19			6.1.2				
20		6.1.3					
21		6.2.4					
22			6.6.1				
23		6.6.2					
24		6.7.1					
25		6.7.2					
26		6.10.1					
27		6.10.2	6.10.2				