

Recognition of MTCS

As a PEFC – endorsed scheme, MTCS is accepted under the national timber procurement policies of Denmark, the United Kingdom, Germany, Finland, Belgium, Switzerland, France and New Zealand.

In addition, a number of authorities and organisations, particularly in key markets for Malaysian timber products, have also accepted the MTCS:



Japan

The MTCS is listed as one of the certification schemes in *Guideline for Verification on Legality and Sustainability of Wood and Wood Products* issued by the Forestry Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan.



The Netherlands

The MTCS, as a PEFC-endorsed scheme has been accepted under the Keurhout Protocol for Sustainable Forest Management (KH-SFM).



The Dutch Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and Environment (VROM) has accepted the MTCS certificate as meeting the requirements for legality of timber.



Germany

The City of Hamburg has granted full acceptance of the MTCS in its procurement policy for sustainable timber products.

Green Building Schemes

As a PEFC-endorsed scheme, the MTCS is recognised under several green building schemes, such as in Australia, Italy, The Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Canada, Japan and Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

In addition, the Green Building Index (GBI) in Malaysia recognises the MTCS under its Sustainable Timber criterion.



PEFC Endorsement of MTCS

The MTCS has been endorsed by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), the largest forest certification programme, representing more than 200 million ha of certified forests worldwide, with effect from 1 May 2009.

MTCS is the first tropical timber certification scheme in the Asia Pacific region to be endorsed by the PEFC.

The endorsement allows the mutual recognition of the MTCS with other PEFC endorsed schemes and facilitates the acceptance of MTCS-certified timber products in PEFC member countries, especially in Europe, North America and Australia.

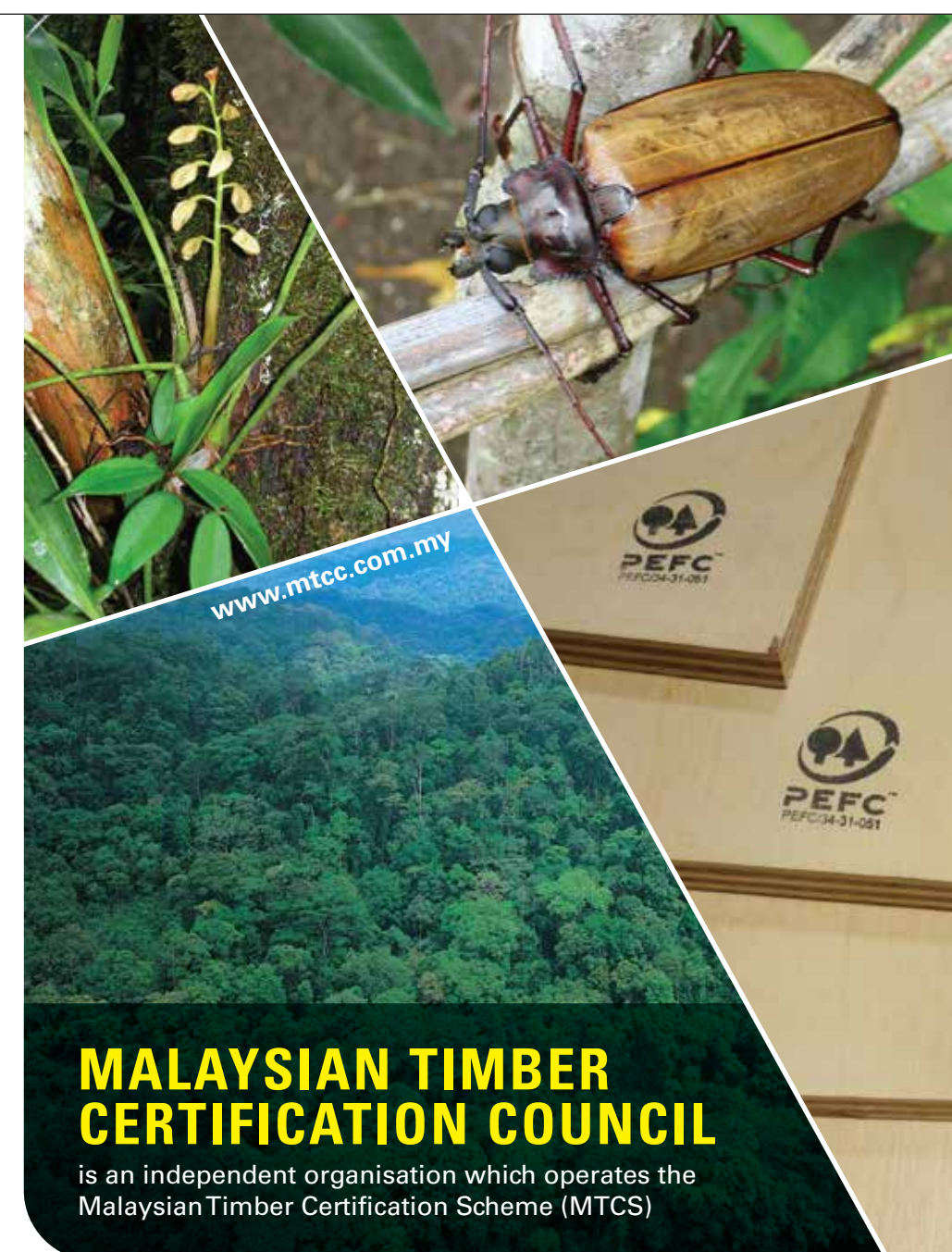


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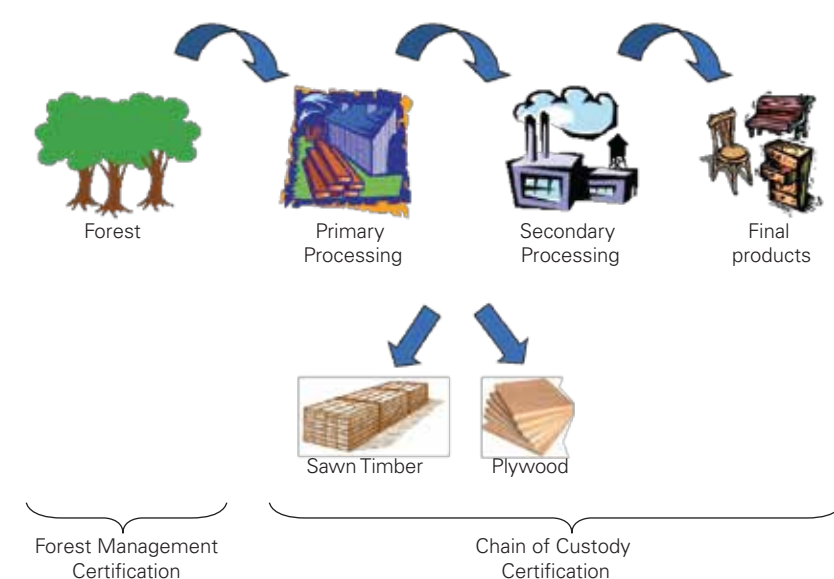
is an independent organisation which operates the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS)



The Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS),
your assurance of PEFC-certified timber products from Malaysia

Timber Certification

Timber certification involving forest management and chain of custody certification is an important market-linked tool to encourage Sustainable Forest Management which takes into consideration the economic, environmental and social dimensions.



Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS)

The MTCS started operation in October 2001 and comprises two components:

i) Forest Management Certification

This is a process of third party audit of the forest management practices in a Forest Management Unit (FMU) to assess compliance with requirements of a prescribed standard, leading to an award of a *Certificate for Forest Management* under the MTCS.

(a) Standard for Certification of Natural Forest

The standard currently used for certification of natural forest is the *Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management Certification* or in short MC&I(2002). The MC&I(2002) has undergone a review process and the revised standard, *Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management Certification (Natural Forest)* or in short MC&I (Natural Forest) has come into force on 1 July 2012 and becomes mandatory beginning 1 June 2013.

(b) Standard for Certification of Forest Plantations

The standard used for certification of forest plantations is the *Malaysian Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management Certification (Forest Plantations)* or in short MC&I(Forest Plantations).

ii) Chain of Custody (CoC) Certification

This is a process of third party audit of timber product manufacturers or exporters to ascertain that the timber products manufactured or exported are sourced from forests which have been awarded the *Certificate for Forest Management*, and leads to an award of a *Certificate for Chain of Custody* under the MTCS.

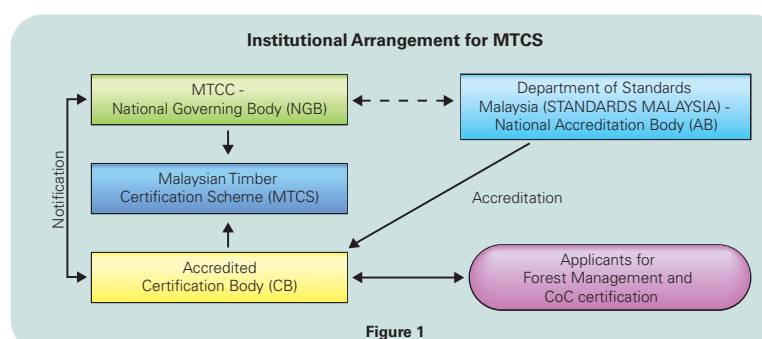
The standard used for CoC certification is the PEFC ST 2002:2010, *Chain of Custody of Forest Based Products – Requirements* of the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), the world's largest timber certification programme.

Institutional Arrangement for MTCS

Under the institutional arrangement for MTCS (see Figure 1), MTCC is the National Governing Body (NGB) which is overall in charge of the scheme.

The Certification Bodies (CBs) receive and process the applications for certification, conduct audits and make decisions to award the *Certificate for Forest Management* or *Certificate for Chain of Custody*.

The CBs are required to obtain accreditation from the national Accreditation Body (AB) which is the Department of Standards Malaysia (STANDARDS MALAYSIA).



PEFC-certified Areas and Timber Products under MTCS



More than 4.65 million ha or 32% of the total PRFs in Malaysia have become PEFC-certified under the MTCS. The logs originating from these FMUs and their processed products are eligible to carry the PEFC Logo. For further information on the certified FMUs and timber product manufacturers and exporters under the MTCS, please refer to the MTCC website at www.mtcc.com.my.



Malaysian Timber Certification Council

The Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) was established as an independent organisation in October 1998 to develop and operate a voluntary national timber certification scheme in Malaysia, which is now known as the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS), in order to provide independent assessments of forest management practices to ensure the sustainable management of Malaysia's Permanent Reserved Forests (PRFs) as well as to meet the demand for certified timber products.

