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SUBJECT: Quality Control on Rubberwood Sawntimber for Export

1. This Bulletin is issued to explain the new procedures involved in exporting Rubberwood sawntimber which will be fully implemented effective from 1 June 1987. This Bulletin supersedes all circular letters previously issued by MTIB in relation to the quality control on Rubberwood for export, that is, circular letter no.(55) dlm. LPKM 6/13/6 Vol. II and no.(51) dlm. LPKM 6/4/17 Vol. II.

2. Effective from 1 June 1987 all Rubberwood sawntimber exported are required to be treated for permanent protection, and properly kiln-dried to achieve a final moisture content not exceeding 16% (unless otherwise specified in the contract).

3. With the implementation of these procedures, all suppliers of Rubberwood sawntimber will be required to treat the timber for permanent protection using preservatives and treatment methods approved by MTIB. Suppliers who do not possess the necessary facilities and equipments are allowed to obtain the service from a supplier or a preservative treatment plant approved by MTIB for customer treatment of Rubberwood for export.

4. The kiln drying of Rubberwood can be exempted if specified in the contract, but this relaxation is only a temporary measure. Exporters who wish to export non-kiln-dried Rubberwood are required to apply in writing to MTIB attaching a copy of the overseas contract which states that the buyer does not require kiln-dried timber. MTIB will consider each application on a case by case basis.

5. The implementation of these procedures will involve exporters, suppliers, kiln drying plants and preservation plants as follows:-
5.1 Exporters

Exporters of sawn timber currently registered with MTIB are allowed to export Rubberwood sawn timber with the following conditions:

5.1.1. The Rubberwood sawn timber is obtained from a supplier registered with MTIB as a supplier of Rubberwood sawn timber as specified in 5.2 below;

5.1.2. The Rubberwood sawn timber is kiln dried in a kiln drying plant registered with MTIB as a kiln drying plant for Rubberwood as specified in 5.3 below;

5.1.3. Apart from the normal export documents, exporters are required to submit timber treatment certificates as required in 5.2.6 and 5.4.4 and kiln-drying certificates as required in 5.3.4 below.

In order to fulfill the requirements of 5.1.1 and 5.1.2, exporters can contact MTIB to obtain the list of registered suppliers and manufacturers (kiln drying plants and preservation plants).

5.2 Suppliers

5.2.1. Suppliers of sawn timber currently registered with MTIB may be allowed to supply Rubberwood sawn timber for export on condition that the supplier has obtained special approval from MTIB to supply Rubberwood sawn timber.

5.2.2. A supplier who wishes to obtain this special approval can apply using form D-1.

5.2.3. MTIB will consider the application in 5.2.2 above if the applicant has the necessary equipment, facilities and capability to treat Rubberwood to meet its requirements.

5.2.4. A supplier who does not possess the necessary equipment and facilities as required above in 5.2.3 can obtain the timber treatment services from a supplier registered under 5.2.1, or a preservative treatment plant registered under 5.4.1.
5.2.5. The above requirements shall also apply to mobile sawmills; however, the Rubberwood could be treated by a supplier or a preservative treatment plant as mentioned in 5.2.4. For kiln drying of the Rubberwood, the timber could be sent to a kiln drying plant approved for kiln drying Rubberwood under 5.3.

5.2.6. A supplier who is registered to treat Rubberwood is required to issue a timber treatment certificate for each consignment of timber treated.

5.3. Kiln Drying Plant

5.3.1. Kiln drying plants currently registered with MTIB may be allowed to kiln dry Rubberwood on condition that the plant has obtained special approval from MTIB to kiln dry Rubberwood sawn timber.

5.3.2. A kiln drying plant wishing to obtain this special approval can apply using form F-1.

5.3.3. MTIB will consider the application in 5.3.2 above if the applicant has the necessary equipment, facilities and capability to kiln dry Rubberwood to meet its requirements.

5.3.4. A kiln drying plant registered to kiln dry Rubberwood is required to issue a kiln drying certificate for each consignment of timber that is kiln dried.

5.4. Preservation Plant:

5.4.1. Preservation plants currently registered with MTIB may be allowed to provide timber treatment services for Rubberwood for export on condition that the plant has obtained special approval from MTIB to treat Rubberwood.

5.4.2. A preservation plant wishing to obtain this special approval can apply using form F-1.

5.4.3. MTIB will consider the application in 5.4.2 above if the applicant has the necessary equipment, facilities
A preservation plant registered to treat rubberwood is required to issue a timber treatment certificate for each consignment of timber that is treated.