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**SUBJECT: USE OF "STATEMENT ON LEGALITY OF TIMBER SOURCE"
CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPORT OF TIMBER/TIMBER
PRODUCTS FROM PENINSULAR MALAYSIA AND SABAH**

1. Please be informed that MTIB, after consultations with representatives from the industry, have reached an agreement to issue certificates of "Statement on Legality of Timber Source" for the export of timber and timber products from Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah. The issuance of this certificate will be implemented from 15 December 2004. An example of the certificate is as shown in Appendix I.
2. The issuance of the above certificate is based on optional arrangements between the exporter and the overseas buyer. Based on this agreement, the exporter is required to submit to MTIB the "Statement on Legality of Timber Source" application form as shown in Appendix II. The application should be accompanied by a "Declaration of Legality" form as in Appendix III, to be completed by the relevant timber supplier as a declaration that the timber and timber products obtained and supplied for export fulfill all criteria of production, irregardless whether the timber is obtained from the natural forest, plantation forest or imported from overseas.
3. For the supply of local timber, the source of the log should be from the forest area that has been approved by the relevant State Forestry Department or the authority responsible for the forest management of the respective state. Information such as logging license, felling area and removal pass should be stated in the "Declaration of Legality" form. Apart from timber sourced locally, the issuance of the certificate can also be considered for timbers imported from overseas, subject to the required conditions, by providing the essential details on the source of timber as mentioned in the declaration form.

4. Apart from the above conditions, the timber supplied must also adhere to the relevant regulations related to the distribution, processing, manufacturing and export as stated in Appendix A for timbers exported from the Peninsular Malaysia and Appendix B for timbers exported from Sabah
5. For imported logs and timber, they must be sourced only from countries permitted by the Malaysian Government. Import of logs and large scantlings & squares from Indonesia is prohibited. Only timber that have been processed into value-added products and fulfilling the required conditions shall be considered for the issuance of this certificate.
6. Application for this certificate can be made during the application for the export licenses, while for other timber products (which does not require export licenses) the applicant is required to submit the MTIB the custom declaration form containing the particulars of export.
7. The certificate as in Appendix I will be issued on a per consignment basis at RM10.00 each. Exporter is required to make and sign the declaration of legality, and consequently MTIB will endorse the declaration. The validity period of the certificate is correspondent to the validity of export license or the approved Custom Declaration Form. The certificate will also bear the consignee name as requested by the exporter.
8. Applicants must ensure that applications for the certificate fulfill all stipulated conditions and criteria. MTIB will issue the certificate when it is satisfied that the relevant conditions and criteria have been met. MTIB will not hesitate to take firm action against any party found to have made false declaration during application for the certificate.

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