1. This Bulletin supersedes Timber Export Bulletin No. 21/06 dated 18 July 2006 regarding the ban on the export of sawn Rubberwood that are finger-jointed.

2. The aim of this Bulletin is to inform that the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (KPPK) has decided to postpone the export restriction on Rubberwood sawn timber that are finger-jointed, as announced on 11 July 2006.

3. In view of this, please be informed that as of 11 August 2006, finger-jointed sawn Rubberwood of the following size and measurement will not be allowed for export:

   (i) Finger-jointed sawn Rubberwood with thickness and/or width of more than three and a half inches (3 ½") ; and

   (ii) The length of each piece of sawn Rubberwood used for finger jointing which is less than 1 foot (1').

4. Finger-jointed sawn Rubberwood must also fulfil the following requirements:

   (a) Every piece of jointed timber must be equal in its thickness and width. If the sizes of these pieces differ, the difference should not exceed 1/8 inches (3 mm); and
(b) Every joint must be glued and bonded perfectly using an adhesive so that there will be no excessive gaps in-between these jointed pieces.

The Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities and MTIB will monitor the supply situation of Rubberwood in the domestic market with the purpose to balance the distribution of Rubberwood supply of the required timber sizes at fair prices. The Ministry and MTIB will gauge the feedback of the supply situation after six months on the implementation of the above regulation and if it is found not to be improving the supply situation, it will be further reviewed and additional restrictions on export may be imposed.

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