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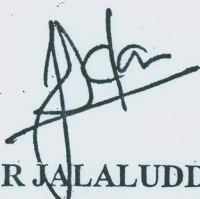
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EXPORT QUOTA FOR RAMIN AND GAHARU FOR PENINSULAR MALAYSIA AND SABAH 2010

This Bulletin supersedes Timber Export Bulletin No. 20/87 Revised (0109) dated 19 January 2009 regarding the regulations and trade practices of Ramin and Gaharu products implemented under Appendix II CITES. (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora).

1. Kindly be informed that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment as the CITES Scientific Authority and Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) as the CITES Management Authority, have decided to impose an **export quota for 2010 of 20,000 cubic meters for Ramin (*Gonystylus spp.*) and its products for Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah.** This export quota will be subject to all forms of Ramin products including “parts and derivatives”
2. The Scientific Authority and Management Authority have also decided to impose an export **quota for 2010 of 200,000 kilograms for Gaharu/Karas (*Aquilaria spp*) and its products for Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah.** This export quota will be applicable to all Gaharu products and its parts and derivatives such as essential oil, plant parts and wood chips. For purposes of controlling Gaharu export trade in the year 2010, allocation of quota system will be continued and implemented.

3. All exporters of Gaharu products shall apply for an export quota from MTIB. The allocation of quota will be made after verifying stocks as well as the production capacity of Gaharu products of the mill. A copy of overseas contract can also be submitted to substantiate the application. Priority shall also be given to an exporter who has made investments in producing higher value-added products. For the purpose of quota monitoring, the conversion of 1 liter Gaharu oil is equivalent to 200 kilograms of Gaharu/Karas wood, will be used.
4. Application of CITES Export Permit for Ramin and Gaharu to MTIB shall be made with the submission of the following supporting documents:
 - i) An original copy of Removal Pass, or
 - ii) A copy of Removal Pass that has been endorsed as true copy by the timber supplier stated on the removal pass.
4. All exporters are therefore requested to adhere to the conditions prescribed with immediate effect to ensure Malaysia's compliance with regulations and trade practices of Ramin and Gaharu timber and its products as required under Appendix II CITES.



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