EXTRA QUOTA FOR RAMIN AND GAHARU
FOR PENINSULAR MALAYSIA 2011

This Bulletin supersedes Timber Export Bulletin No. 20/87 Revised (0110) dated 14 January 2010 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, after consulting the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities, have decided to impose an export quota for 2011 of 10,000 cubic metres for Ramin (Gonystylus spp.) and its products for Peninsular Malaysia. This export quota will be subject to all form of Ramin products including “parts and derivatives.”

2. The Scientific Authority and Management Authority have also decided to impose an export quota for 2011 of 200,000 kilograms for Gaharu/Karas (Aquilaria spp) and its products for Peninsular Malaysia. 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 the purpose of controlling Gaharu export trade in the year 2011, allocation of quota system will be continue to be implemented.
3. All exporters of Gaharu products shall apply officially 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. Priority shall also be given to an exporter who has made investment in producing higher value-added products. For the purpose of quota monitoring, the conversion of one (1) litre 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) Original Copy of Forest Removal Pass, or
   ii) A copy of Forest Removal Pass that has been endorsed as true copy by the timber supplier as stated in the original Forest Removal Pass.

5. Regarding to CITES Export Permit and Re-Export Certificate, all exporters must ensure every details given are true and completed, especially endorsement by Jabatan Kastam DiRaja Malaysia or MTIB in Block 14 and Block 15 before the consignment are shipped out from country.

6. All exporters are therefore requested to adhere to the conditions prescribed with immediate effect to ensure Malaysia's compliance to the regulations and trade practices of Ramin and Gaharu timber and its products as required under Appendix II CITES.

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