



MALAYSIAN TIMBER CERTIFICATION COUNCIL



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The Malaysian Timber
Certification Scheme (MTCS)
your assurance
of PEFC-certified
timber products
from Malaysia



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Established in 1998, the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) is an independent organisation tasked to develop and operate the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS). The MTCS provides for independent assessment of forest management practices and audit of timber product manufacturers or exporters to ascertain that the timber products manufactured or exported are sourced from sustainably managed forests. This is to ensure the sustainable management of Malaysia's natural forest and forest plantations, as well as to meet the demand for certified timber products.



MALAYSIAN TIMBER CERTIFICATION SCHEME (MTCS)

- A voluntary timber certification scheme developed and operated by MTCC since 2001
- A leading tropical timber certification scheme in South East Asia
- Endorsed by the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), the world's largest forest certification system, since 2009
- Comprises two types of certification:
 - Forest Management Certification
 - Chain of Custody (CoC) Certification
- Certification standards used are developed through multi-stakeholder consultations involving social, environmental and economic interest groups, and relevant government agencies
- Audits conducted by third party certification bodies
- Certified forest management units (FMUs), forest plantations management units (FPMUs) and timber companies are issued with a PEFC Logo usage license, enabling them to use the PEFC Logo for on-product and off-product labelling



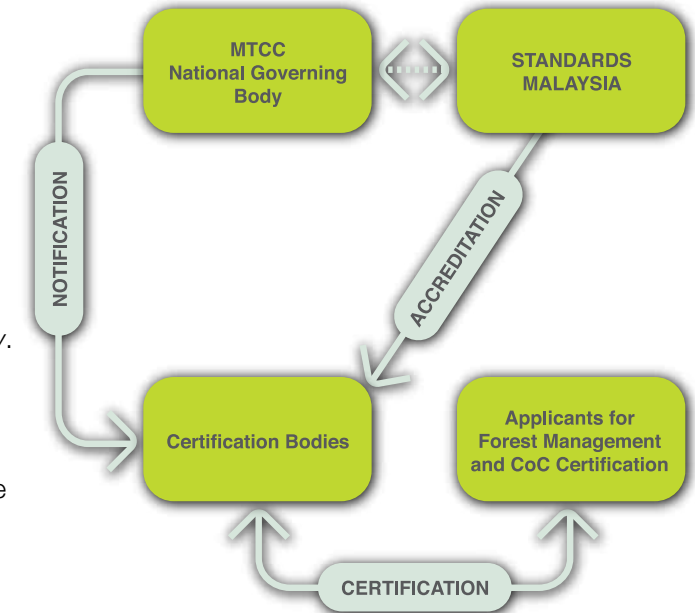
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INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MTCS

MTCC is the National Governing Body (NGB) which is overall in charge of the scheme.

The certification bodies (CBs) receive and process applications for certification, conduct audits and make decisions for the award of *Certificate for Forest Management* and *Certificate for Chain of Custody*.

The CBs are required to obtain accreditation from the national accreditation body (AB) which is the Department of Standards Malaysia (STANDARDS MALAYSIA) and obtain notification from MTCC to conduct audit under the MTCS.



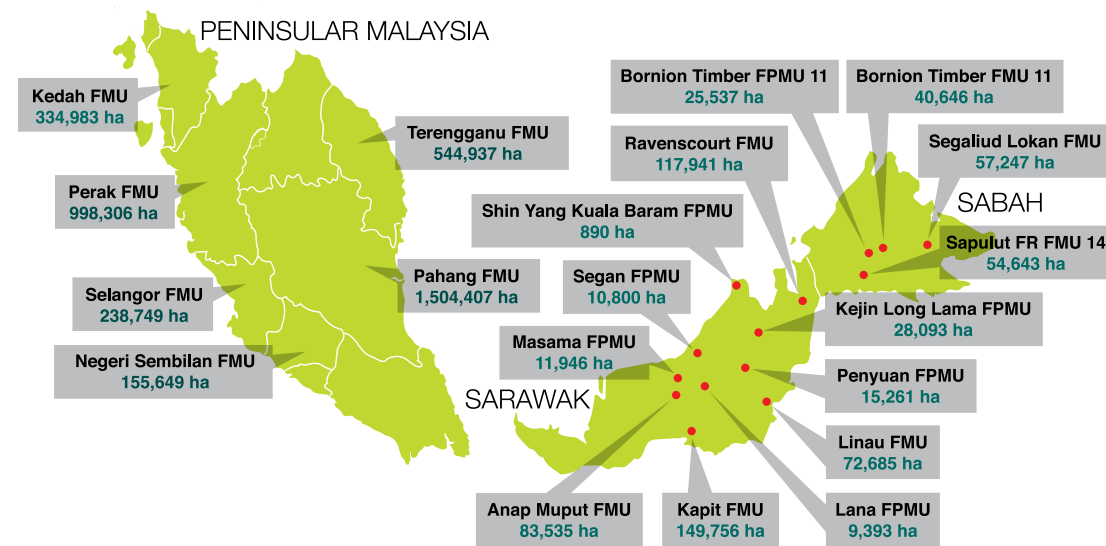


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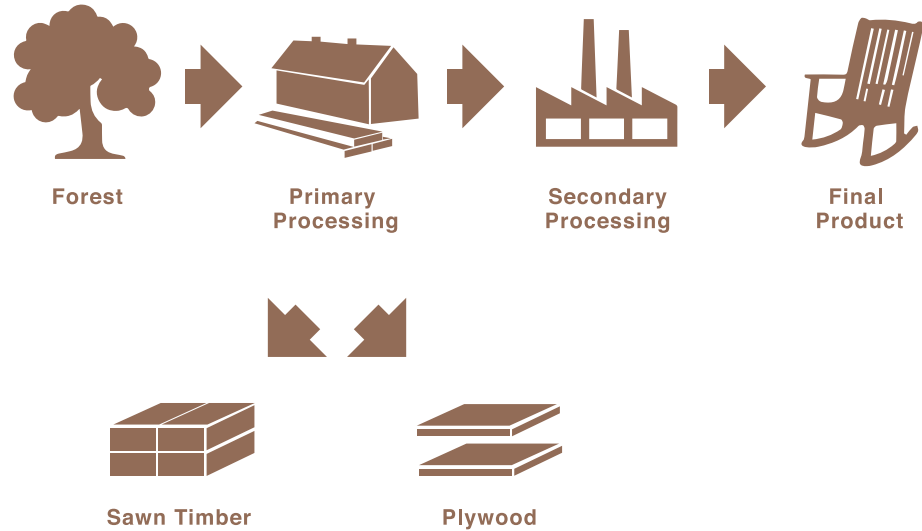
PEFC-CERTIFIED AREAS UNDER MTCS

A total of 13 FMUs and 7 FPMUs covering 4.46 million ha of natural forests and forest plantations are certified under MTCS



HOW DOES MTCS HELP YOUR BUSINESS?

Chain of Custody (CoC) certification under the MTCS gives the assurance that the wood in your certified product can be traced back to sustainably managed forests.



As demand grows for products from sustainably managed forests, CoC certification offers several important benefits:

- Access to markets requesting certified products
- Risk management and traceability in the supply chain
- Business leadership on sustainability
- A clear and transparent message to customers and consumers

Each processing facility (manufacturer) along the supply chain, and importers and traders who break up packages/parcels/crates/containers and resell goods in different form/unit from what was purchased must obtain a *Certificate for Chain of Custody* until the wood products reach the final consumer.

Meeting Requirements for Legality

The standard used for CoC certification under the MTCS has incorporated the Due Diligence System (DDS) which avoids material from “controversial sources” entering the supply chain.



WHY SHOULD YOU BUY CERTIFIED TIMBER PRODUCTS?

- To ensure the sustainability of forest goods (e.g. timber) and forest services (e.g. clean water)
- To ensure forests are well managed and harvested in a more environmentally-friendly manner
- To ensure more attention is given to concerns of stakeholders by forest managers
- To ensure social, environmental and economic aspects are taken into account in forest management





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