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Malaysia to label its timber products

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In proposing to introduce its own timber certification process, Malaysia is taking a new chapter in its struggle to champion sustainable forest management.

The decision to label Malaysia-made products as coming from sustainably managed forests was approved by the National Forestry Council yesterday.

Acting Prime Minister and Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said in line with the initiatives of the International Tropical Timber Council (ITTO), the NTCC will take the form of a limited company.

"Now that it is in place, the decision has been approved by the council," he said. "It was the need to certify the products that we want, to be able to compete in the global market." He added that the industry needs to implement effective certification systems.

The decision was made to implement the ITTO's programme, which requires that all tropical timber products be certified.

"The implementation is necessary if we want to continue competing in the global market," Anwar said. "It is in the interest of all, including the government, to ensure that our products are certified and can compete on a level playing field." He added that the decision was made to improve the country's image and increase its competitiveness in the global market.

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