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STATISTICS (as of April 2025)



Certified Forest

- Total for MTCS Certified Forest 6,021,306.83 ha (33.37% of Total National Forest Cover - TNFC)

26 Forest Management Units:
5,820,660.73 ha (32.4% from TNFC)

11 Forest Plantation Management Units:
151,122.10 ha (0.84% from TNFC)



Certified Companies

- 374 MTCS-PEFC Certified Chain of Custody companies



Export Volume of Certified Products

- Cumulative July 2002 to 15 March 2025:
3.509 mil m³

MTCC Strengthens Industry Engagement Through Visit to New COC Certificate Holder

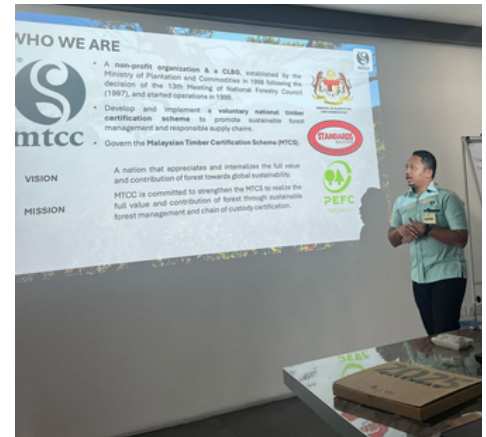


Mr. Muhammad Hasif Azizan (MTCC Communications & Marketing Director) with
Mr. Raymond (General Manager of Percetakan Tenaga)

As part of its ongoing engagement with certified entities, the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) conducted a visit to Percetakan Tenaga Sdn. Bhd. on 15 April 2025 at the company's headquarters in Kuala Lumpur. The visit marks a continued effort to foster collaboration and promote best practices among companies certified under the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS).



MTCC team with Mr. Raymond following the facility visit at Percetakan Tenaga



Mr. Muhammad Hasif Azizan presenting MTCC's overview to Percetakan Tenaga.

Established in 1987, Percetakan Tenaga is a long-standing industry player offering sustainable and customised packaging solutions across a wide range of sectors. The company recently achieved Chain of Custody (COC) certification under the MTCS/PEFC, underscoring its commitment to responsible sourcing and environmentally conscious production.

During the visit, MTCC held a dialogue session with the company's leadership and operational team to better understand their sustainability approaches, and to explore opportunities for closer cooperation. MTCC commends Percetakan Tenaga for integrating certified materials into its product offerings and championing sustainability within the paper-based packaging industry.

MTCC Seeks Stakeholder Input on New PEFC RED III Draft Standards

As the PEFC-endorsed National Governing Body in Malaysia, the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) invites stakeholders to provide feedback on the newly developed PEFC RED III standards.

These draft standards aim to enable organisations to demonstrate compliance with the European Union's Renewable Energy Directive III (RED III), particularly in the context of sustainable biomass sourcing and renewable energy claims. Your feedback is vital to ensuring the standards are practical, effective, and aligned with national and industry priorities.

Stakeholders are encouraged to review and submit their input by 26 April 2025.

MTCC remains committed to facilitating transparent and inclusive processes as part of its role in strengthening sustainable forest and timber certification systems in Malaysia.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

NEW PEFC RED III Standards

As the PEFC-endorsed national governing body for Malaysia, the Malaysian Timber Certification Council invites you to provide your feedback on the new PEFC RED III standards, developed to enable organisations to demonstrate compliance with RED III requirements and make RED III compliant declarations.

Deadline for comments

26 April 2025

(Saturday)

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Please fill in this form to receive the link to download the draft standards.

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RED III and the transition from RED II to RED III

RED III, the European Union's (EU) Renewable Energy Directive 2023/2413, is the revision of the EU Renewable Energy Directive 2018/2001 (RED II Directive). RED III raises the overall target of the renewable energy shares and strengthens the sustainability criteria set out for biomass.

RED III also tightens the requirements of data reporting throughout the supply chain and ensures the setup of the Union Database at the Commission level to collect data from organisations via recognised voluntary schemes.

The new PEFC RED III standards

PEFC is recognised by the European Commission as one of the voluntary schemes that organisations can use to demonstrate their RED III compliance. Our scope covers forest ligno-cellulosic material, including residues and waste, and biomass fuels made of this material.

Aligning with the transition from RED II to RED III, PEFC have revised the PEFC RED II standards and developed the PEFC RED III standards:

- **PEFC ST 5002**, Additional requirements for organisations sourcing forest biomass – RED III
- **PEFC ST 5003**, Additional requirements for certification bodies providing certification against PEFC ST 5002 – RED III
- **PEFC ST 5004**, Requirements for the development of Level A risk assessments and its recognition by PEFC as per Article 29 (6a) and (7a) of the RED III Directive

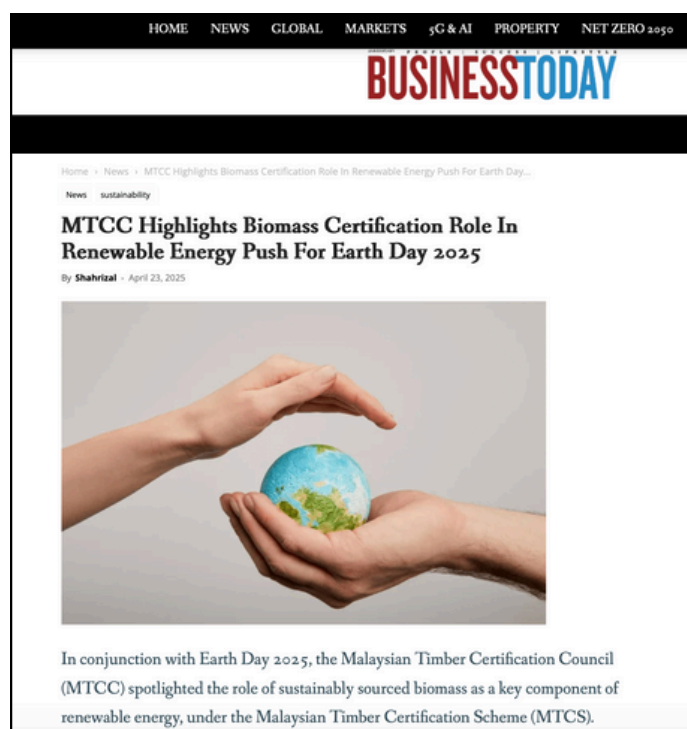
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Earth Day 2025: MTCS/PEFC Certification Highlights Forests as a Renewable Energy Source

In conjunction with Earth Day 2025, MTCC's article "Championing Renewable Energy through MTCS/PEFC Certification" was featured in The Borneo Post, BusinessToday, and Bioenergy Insight. The piece highlighted the vital role of certified forests and biomass in the global renewable energy mix.

With demand for sustainable energy on the rise, the article underscored how MTCS/PEFC certification ensures that wood-based biomass — including pellets, chips, and residues — is sourced responsibly. MTCC CEO Dr. Farrah Shameen Mohamad Ashray noted that certified biomass supports ESG goals, circular economy practices, and energy resilience.

Malaysia's growing exports of certified biomass reflect strong global demand, especially from countries like Japan and South Korea. As of March 2025, MTCS has certified 5.97 million hectares of forest and 374 Chain of Custody companies.



Coverage of MTCC's Earth Day article in The Borneo Post, BusinessToday, and Bioenergy Insight.

MTCC continues to advocate for the responsible use of forest resources as part of the renewable energy transition.

[Read the full article](#)

MTCC Conducted an E-Self Audit 2025 at Jabatan Audit Negara

For the year 2025, MTCC was instructed by Jabatan Audit Negara (JAN) to conduct an e-Self Audit. The e-Self Audit system is a digital platform aimed at enhancing internal audit practices within public sector entities. It encourages agencies to proactively assess their financial management and compliance with regulations, fostering transparency and efficiency in public administration.

On 9 April 2025, the Account Executive, Pn. Wan Nur Afifah Wan Azman attended a help desk session with Jabatan Audit Negara Negeri Selangor to address issues related to the e-Self Audit. The Finance team, with the support of CEO Dr. Farrah Shameen and Governance, Legal, and Risk Management Officer, Ms. Zefi Efiliya Mohd Taib, successfully submitted the e-Self Audit on 30 April 2025.

Audit for Financial Year 2024 (KHR as Auditor)

For the year 2024, MTCC reappointed KHR as the auditor. On 10th April 2025, the Finance team submitted the management accounts for the financial year ended 31st December 2024. The audit team planned to conduct a two-week audit fieldwork at MTCC from 14th to 25th April 2025.

During the audit process, the auditors raised several queries. These were addressed successfully by the Finance team with the assistance of En Fairuz, MTCC's external accountant.

On 25th April 2025, the final day of the 2024 audit fieldwork, the Finance team and auditors conducted an exit meeting. The meeting aimed to discuss any outstanding queries and matters related to the financial year 2024.

MTCC Attended ISO 9001:2015 Training

On 29 April 2025, Executive Chain of Custody, Pn. Nur Fatin Athirah Ahmad Rizal, and Senior Executive Strategic & Special Project, Ms. Enlynn Khoo attended Interpretation, Implementation & Documentation (ISO 9001:2015) Training.

The workshop provided participants with in-depth knowledge on interpreting ISO 9001:2015 clauses, implementing quality management system requirements, and developing effective documentation to support compliance.

MTCC Delivered Course on “Understanding Timber Certification: Exploring MTCS/PEFC and FSC for the Timber Certification Incentives Programme”

On 30 April 2025, Executive Chain of Custody, Pn. Adibah Mohd Aris provided a training organised by the Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) entitled “Understanding Timber Certification: Exploring MTCS/PEFC and FSC” under the Timber Certification Incentive Programme.

This course was specifically held for training provider companies and relevant MTIB officers to provided an understanding and basic knowledge of compliance with the Chain of Custody (COC) certification standards for MTCS/PEFC, and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

This initiative is an early step in building the capacity of training provider companies to assist the timber industry in terms of documentation and training before applying for MTCS/PEFC or FSC certification.

MTCC Participated in EUROCHAM-Organised Teh Tarik Session with Royal Malaysian Customs

As a member of EUROCHAM Malaysia, MTCC participated in the Teh Tarik Session on 29 April 2025. The event was co-hosted by EUROCHAM Malaysia and the Royal Malaysian Customs Department bringing together EUROCHAM members and senior Customs officer for an opening dialogue on trade facilitation and policy updates.

MTCC’s participation in the session reflects its ongoing commitment to fostering strong regulatory partnerships and staying aligned with evolving customs and trade developments, especially in the context of certified timber and forest products.

Marketing Initiative: MTCC Explore Potential Awareness Campaign with TNG Digital (Touch ‘n Go)

On 18 April 2025, MTCC conducted a briefing session with Mr. Jack Ong Zi Hao, Sustainable Strategist at TNG Digital and his team. The session was led by Director of Communication and Marketing, En. Muhammad Hasif Azizan, and focus on potential collaboration via the Touch ‘n Go application to raise public awareness of MTCS/PEFC-certified products.

This engagement marked the initial step towards building a strategic partnership between MTCC and TNG Digital, with discussions centered around the development of joint activation campaign.

TEH TARIK SESSION

with the Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD)

29 April 2025 (Tuesday)

5 PM to 7 PM

Dewan Semarak Jati, Level 2 South,
Royal Malaysian Customs Department,
Ministry of Finance Complex.

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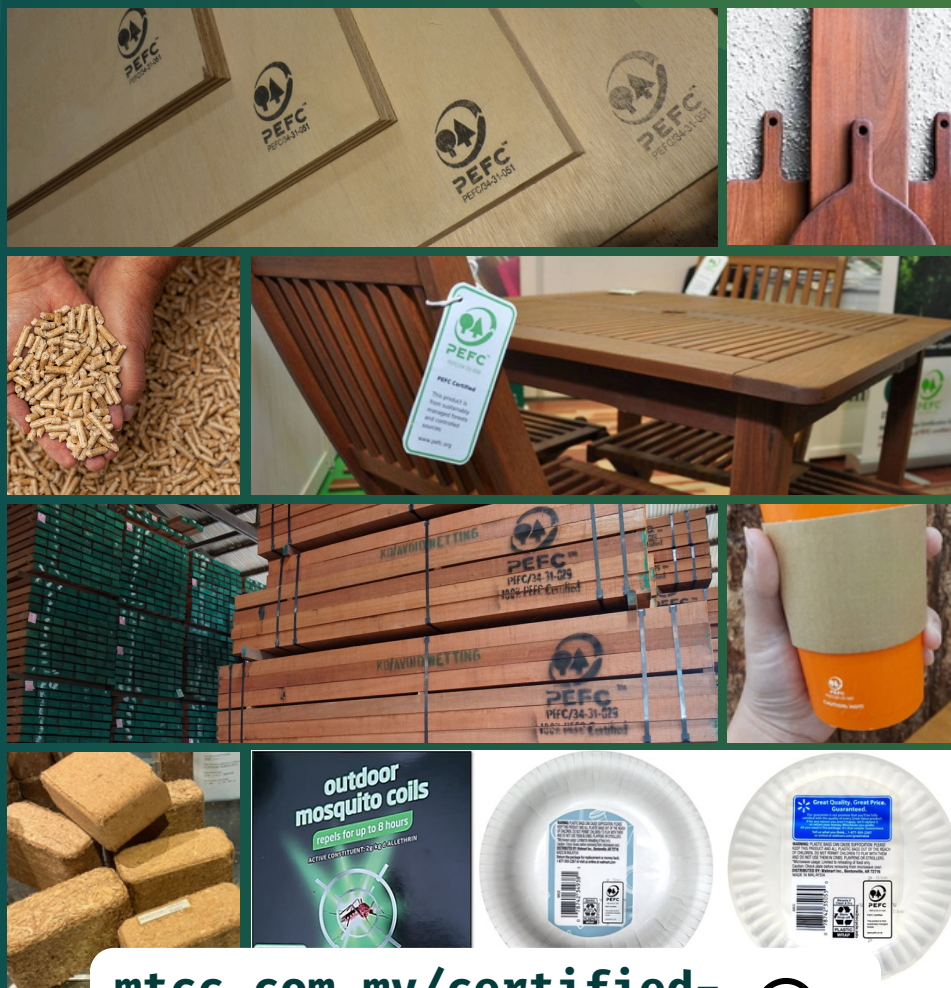
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Guest of Honour
YBhg. Dato' Anis Rizana
Director-General (RMCD)

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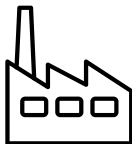
The latest MTCS/PEFC Chain of Custody (COC) Certified Companies List (March 2025) is now accessible on MTCC's website. This resource provides up-to-date information on manufacturers, suppliers, exporters, and traders certified under the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

New Certificate Holders in April 2025



MTCS Certified Forest

- There is no new Forest Management Unit certified under MTCS in April 2025.



MTCS Certified Chain of Custody

- There are **no new companies** certified under MTCS in April 2025.

ONBOARDING PROGRAM FOR NEW CHAIN OF CUSTODY CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

Month	Last Friday of the Month
April	25
May	30
June	27
July	25
August	29
September	26
October	31
November	28
December	26

Interested in getting MTCS/PEFC COC certified? Email us at coc@mtcc.com.my to learn more.



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