



### **Announcement on the Adoption of PEFC Project Sourcing Standards Under MTCS**

MTCC wishes to inform you that the **MTCC Board of Trustees (BOT)** has approved the **adoption of the PEFC Project Sourcing requirements under the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS)**.

The adoption comprises the following PEFC documents:

1. [PEFC ST 2102:2026 – PEFC Project Sourcing – Requirements](#); and
2. [PEFC IM 2103:2026 – Additional Requirements for Certification Bodies Operating Certification against the PEFC Project Sourcing Standard](#).

The adoption of these requirements provides a new certification pathway for organisations involved in construction and infrastructure projects to demonstrate the responsible sourcing and traceability of forest and tree-based materials used within their projects.

#### **1. PEFC ST 2102:2026 – PEFC Project Sourcing – Requirements**

PEFC Project Sourcing provides an independent, third-party certification system that enables organisations to demonstrate that the forest and tree-based materials used within a specific project are **responsibly sourced, traceable and supported by verifiable evidence**.

This standard replaces Annex 1: Guidance for the implementation of PEFC Chain of Custody for specified projects of PEFC GD 2001:2014, Chain of Custody of Forest-Based Products – Guidance for Use, as of 4 June 2026. Annex 1 has been technically revised and developed into this stand-alone standard.

The standard is designed to address the practical realities of construction and infrastructure projects, where multiple parties may be involved in the sourcing, processing and installation of forest and tree-based materials.

PEFC Project Sourcing can be applied to a wide range of projects, including:

- commercial and residential developments;
- public buildings;
- transport and infrastructure projects;
- interior fit-outs;
- renovations and retrofits; and
- temporary structures.

The standard is particularly relevant to **developers, architects, contractors, designers and specifiers** seeking to demonstrate responsible sourcing of timber and other forest and tree-based materials in their projects.

It also provides flexibility for projects involving multiple contractors and subcontractors. Subject to the requirements of the standard, **non-certified subcontractors may participate within the sourcing system of a certified project**, provided their activities are limited to the certified project site.

The standard may therefore be particularly relevant to projects using timber and engineered wood products such as **cross-laminated timber (CLT)**, **laminated veneer lumber (LVL)** and **glulam**, where credible and verifiable sourcing information is increasingly important.

PEFC Project Sourcing certification can also support **green building, sustainable procurement and responsible sourcing objectives**, helping to strengthen the link between sustainable forest management and the built environment.

### **Key benefits of PEFC Project Sourcing**

PEFC Project Sourcing enables project organisations to:

- demonstrate responsible sourcing of forest and tree-based materials at project level;
- provide traceability and verifiable evidence for materials used in a project;
- support sustainable procurement and green building requirements;
- increase confidence in responsible sourcing claims; and
- contribute to increasing the use of certified timber and other certified forest and tree-based materials in the construction sector.

## **2. PEFC IM 2103:2026 – Requirements for Certification Bodies**

For Certification Bodies (CBs), MTCC has also adopted **PEFC IM 2103:2026 – Additional Requirements for Certification Bodies Operating Certification against the PEFC Project Sourcing Standard**.

PEFC IM 2103:2026 provides scheme-specific requirements for CBs conducting certification against PEFC ST 2102:2026. These requirements are to be applied **in addition to PEFC ST 2003 – Requirements for Certification Bodies Providing Certification against the PEFC International Chain of Custody Standard**.

CBs currently providing PEFC Chain of Custody certification may offer PEFC Project Sourcing certification under their existing Chain of Custody accreditation scope. **No separate accreditation is required specifically for the PEFC Project Sourcing standard.**

### **Qualification of CB personnel**

PEFC-qualified Chain of Custody **auditors, reviewers and certification decision-makers** who intend to undertake PEFC Project Sourcing certification activities are required to:

- complete the dedicated **PEFC Project Sourcing online training**; and
- successfully pass the accompanying **knowledge test**.

The training is available through the **PEFC Knowledge Academy** and consists of six e-learning modules followed by a knowledge test. The training is provided free of charge, with participants given 60 days to complete the course.

The training introduces the requirements of PEFC ST 2102:2026 and the additional considerations applicable to auditing construction and infrastructure projects.

CBs are therefore encouraged to ensure that relevant personnel complete the required training and meet the applicable competence requirements before undertaking PEFC Project Sourcing certification activities.

### **3. Further Information and Resources**

The PEFC Project Sourcing standard and related resources are available through PEFC, including guidance and information for project organisations and Certification Bodies.

CBs and interested organisations are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the applicable requirements prior to commencing PEFC Project Sourcing certification activities.

Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at [coc@mtcc.com.my](mailto:coc@mtcc.com.my) or call **03-2161 2298**.

To learn how PEFC Project Sourcing certification can support your next project:

- Download the [PEFC Project Sourcing guide](#)
- Download our [timber delivery checklist](#) to help project teams ensure that they are getting certified materials
- [Explore certified projects](#)
- [Sign up for the PEFC Building Bulletin](#)

For CBs to offer Project Sourcing Certification: [Offer PEFC Project Sourcing certification - PEFC - Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification](#)

Download [PEFC ST 2102:2026 – PEFC Project Sourcing – Requirements](#) and [PEFC IM 2103:2026 – Additional Requirements for Certification Bodies Operating Certification against the PEFC Project Sourcing Standard](#).

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