

All about imported Gohowood

(1) Region/Country: Sarawak, Malaysia

(2) General overview: Legality verification of logs in Sarawak (refer to flow chart)

(3) Party responsible for issuing verification:

Four (4) agencies directly involved are:

Agency	Address	Contact
Forest Department Sarawak (FDS) Established in 1919	Wisma Sumber Alam, Jalan Stadium, 93050 Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia	Tel : + 60 82 442180 Fax : + 60 82 441377 E-mail : webmaster@forestry.sarawak Website : www.forestry.sarawak.gov.my
Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) Incorporated in 1995	Lot 218, KCLD, Jalan Tapang, Kota Sentosa, 93250 Kuching	Tel : + 60 82 610088 Fax : + 60 82 629629 E-mail : info@sarawakforestry.com Website : www.sarawakforestry.com
Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) Incorporated in 1973	Wisma Sumber Alam, Jalan Stadium, 93050 Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia	Tel : + 60 82 473000 Fax : + 60 82 442691 E-mail : stidc@pusaka.gov.my Website : www.sarawaktimber.org.my
Harwood Timber Sdn. Bhd. (HTSB) Incorporated in 1985	Sublot 4-6, Section 5, Lot 320, Wisma PTBS, Jalan Kulas, 93400 Kuching	Tel : + 60 82 415520 Fax : + 60 82 255249 E-mail : agm_ahr@harwoodtimber.com.my Website : www.harwoodtimber.com.my

(4) Outline of issuing process: Incorporated in the General Overview

(5) The system shall verify legality only/sustainability: Legality only

(6) Definition of legality:

Timber harvested by licensed person from approved areas and timber and timber products exported in accordance with the laws, regulations and procedures pertaining to forestry, timber industry and trade of Malaysia.

(7) Relevant Laws:

- Forests Ordinance, 1958 (Cap 126)
- Forest Rules, 1962
- Land Code, 1958
- Natural Resource and Environment Ordinance, 1993 (Cap 84)
- Wild Life Protection Ordinance, 1998 (Cap 26)
- Sarawak Forestry Ordinance, 1995 (Cap 17)
- Sarawak Rivers Ordinance, 1993
- Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation Ordinance, 1973
- Malaysian Customs Act, 1967

(8) Details of presumed illegal activities:

- Harvesting without valid licence
- Harvesting in excess of concession permit limits & outside boundary coupe
- Failing or avoid royalty payments
- False declaration of dimensions
- Export & Import without permits

(9) Procedures for retaining and verifying the evidence:

Scheme implemented by third party to ensure reliability: ISO

Organization	Certified	Scope	Certified by
Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SF&C and SAPD)	ISO 9001:2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provision of Security and Asset Protection• Provision of Compliance and Regulation of Sustainable Forest Management	Moody International Certification
	ISO 14001:2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provision of Compliance and Regulations of Sustainable Forest Management	Moody International Certification
Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation	ISO 9001:2008 BS EN ISO 9001:2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration of Companies• Grading Activities• Electronic issuance of Export and Import Licences of Logs and Timber Products	Moody International Certification
Harwood Timber Sdn Bhd	ISO 9001:2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Log endorsement• Shipping and Land Transportation Administration Inspection of Export Logs	Standards & Industrial Research Institute Malaysia (SIRIM)

Independent External Auditors: National Audit Department, Audit Department in the Chief Minister’s Office and Financial Audit

Internal Auditors: All the 4 agencies

(10) Some main criticisms against the system and recognition of problems are as follows

- Lack of integration of databases between the four agencies
- Limited deployment of ICT infrastructure and hardware for capturing data and monitoring purposes
- Lack of necessary logistics support for enforcement purposes

(11) Remedial measures

- Implementation of network and database integration under 10th Malaysia Plan
- Consolidation and expansion of ForestNet in conjunction with establishment of 20 new Forest Checking Station throughout Sarawak
- Implementation of Inter-agency standard operating procedures for performance of forestry functions
- Recruitment of additional field staff by all agencies

(12) Future perspective

- Two-dimensional bar code system to be incorporated in Log Production Identity (LPI) Tags
- Mobile enforcement capability based on scanner and satellite transmission of log data to central database