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Timber Legality Guidance Template for Malaysia

Updated as of 29 July 2025

1. Updates on Policy

No	Matter	Details	Note
1.	1.0 Overview of Timber Legality in Malaysia	Update	<u>Original Text:</u> “National Forestry Policy and laws, which has stringent forest laws and regulation to monitor and enforce forest related activities” <u>Updated Text:</u> “The management of the forestry sector is governed under the Malaysia Policy on Forestry, which encompasses the key aspects of the forest policies of Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The policy’s statements, rationale and objectives serve as a reference and guidance for the three regions in formulating their respective forestry policies and strategies in which are reflected in the Forestry Policy of Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah Forest Policy and Sarawak Forest Policy. Stringent forest laws and regulations to monitor and enforce forest-related activities further support the management framework.”

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2.	1.0 Overview of Timber Legality in Malaysia	Update	<u>Original Text:</u> “Generally, there are three categories of forest: Permanent Reserved Forest (PRF)/ Permanent Forest Estates (PFE)/ Forest Reserve (FR), state land forest and alienated land.” <u>Updated Text:</u> “Generally, there are four categories of forest: Permanent Reserved Forest (PRF)/ Permanent Forest Estates (PFE)/ Forest Reserve (FR), state land forest, alienated land and Industrial Timber Plantation (ITP).”
3.	1.0 Overview of Timber Legality in Malaysia	Update	<u>Original Text:</u> “The state forestry departments have control over the removal of timber from state land and alienated land forest.” <u>Updated Text:</u> “The state forestry departments have control over the removal of timber from PRF, state land and alienated land forest”

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No	Matter	Details	Note
4.	2.1.1 Timber harvesting	Update	<u>Original Text:</u> “Environmental Quality Act 1974 [Act 127] - Section 34A, Environment Quality (Prescribed Activities) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Order 1987, Item 1 of Schedule.” <u>Updated Text:</u> “Environmental Quality Act 1974 [Act 127] - Section 34A, Environment Quality (Prescribed Activities) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Order 2015, Activity 5, First Schedule and Second Schedule.”
5.	2.3.2 Timber Processing	Update	<u>Original Text:</u> “Sarawak Timber Industry (Registration) Regulations, 2008” <u>Updated Text:</u> “Sarawak Timber Industry (Licensing) Regulations, 2025”

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6.	2.3.3 Export of timber and timber products	Deletion	<u>Deletion of Original Text:</u> "Sarawak Timber Industry (Registration) Regulations, 2008"
7.	3.1.3 Statutory charges (a) Harvesting charges	Update	<u>Original Text:</u> "The National Forestry Act 1984 [Sections 60, 61 & 75] and the State Forest Rules (Rules 22 & 23)....." <u>Updated Text:</u> "The National Forestry Act 1984 [Sections 68 & 73] and the State Forest Rules and Wood Based Industry Enactment (Section 3 & 20)"

2. Updates on Terminology

No	Matter	Details	Note
1.	1.0 Overview of Timber Legality in Malaysia	Update	<u>Original Text:</u> “Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) is the authority to issue timber mill license as well as export and import licences for timber and timber products in Sarawak.” <u>Updated Text:</u> “Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) is the authority to issue Timber Industry Licence as well as export and import licences for timber and timber products in Sarawak.”

2. Updates on Attachment

No	Matter	Details	Note
1.	Attachment 22	Additional	Additional Document: “List of products that require an Export Permit”

No.	Description of Timber Products	Customs HS Code
1.	Bamboo	1401.10.0000
2.	Rattans	1401.20
3.	Fuel wood, wood in chips or particles; sawdust and wood waste and scrap	44.01
4.	Wood charcoal	4402
5.	Logs (including baulks and roughly squared)	44.03
6.	Hoopwood	44.04
7.	Wood wool; Wood flour	4405
8.	Railways or tramway sleepers	44.06
9.	Sawn timber	44.07
10.	Veneer sheets	44.08
11.	Moulding	44.09
12.	Particleboard	44.10
13.	Fibreboard	44.11
14.	Plywood, veneered panel and similar laminated wood	44.12
15.	Densified wood	4413.00.00 00
16.	Wooden frames	4414.10.00 00 4414.90.00.00
17.	Packaging cases, boxes, crates, drums and similar packing, cable drum, pallets, box pallets and other load boards, pallet collars of wood	44.15
18.	Cask, barrels, vats, tub and other coopers' products of wood, including staves	4416.00.10 00 4416.00.90.00
19.	Tools, tool bodies, tool handles, broom and brush bodies and handles, of wood; shoe last and trees, of wood	4417.00.10 00 4417.00.90.00
20.	Builders joinery and carpentry, of wood	44.18
21.	Tableware and kitchenware, of wood	4419
22.	Wooden article of furniture not falling in chapter 94	4420.90.10 00
23.	Other articles of wood	44.21
24.	Prefabricated buildings, of wood	9406.10.90 00

No	Matter	Details	Note
2.	Attachment 29	Additional	<u>Additional Document:</u> "Timber Industry License issued by STIDC"

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