

Sabah TLAS Audit Report Principles 5 & 6

Organisation	Best Maxim Sdn. Bhd. (753619-D)	Reference #	GFSSBH 004-543
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Statements

Audit Statement #	GFS 023 WTP		
Issuance Date	04 September 2023	Expiration Date	03 September 2024

Assessment Details

Company Type	Exporter
Scope of Assessment	Sabah TLAS P5-6: FDS(KK)(E)004/2020
Product Group	Sawn timber
Source of Material	Sabah, Malaysia.
Species	<i>Parashorea spp.</i> (White seraya), <i>Shorea spp.</i> (Red seraya)
Lead Assessor	Sandra George
Assessor(s)	Aleeza Ho
FDS Staff	Sharif Affendy Sharif Sahar (PPD Kota Kinabalu), Welfred Wihimos (PPD Kota Kinabalu)

Terms of Assessment

The scope of the evaluation is to verify compliance of Best Maxim Sdn. Bhd. to the criteria within the Sabah Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) Principle 5 - Mill Operations and Principle 6 - Trade and Customs standards. Compliance is defined when the organization demonstrates that there is no non-compliance to any applicable criteria. Non-compliance to the Sabah Legality Standard occurs when the organization does not comply with 1 or more criteria. Non-compliance must be formally addressed prior to certification or within 2 months following a surveillance assessment.

Limitations of Assessment

The information presented in this report is based on documentation and other information presented by the client and observations made during the field verification under the assessment. Auditor's reporting of information presented by the client are taken as accurate, unless evaluated differently through the observations made during the assessment. All information presented in the report is accurate and complete to the best of knowledge of GFS.

Background Information:

Best Maxim Sdn. Bhd. (Best Maxim) is registered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with registration # 753619-D. Best Maxim purchases sawn timber from Lusera, which is directly shipped from Lusera to China.

The previous assessment was conducted in September 2022 that resulted in 0 gap(s) and 1 observation(s) (Report #: GFSSBH 004-397).

Associated Organizations & Subcontractors:

Best Maxim engages R.M. Services Sdn. Bhd. as its agent to handle export documentation.

Description of the Supply Chain:

From September 2022 to August 2023, Best Maxim purchased raw materials from the suppliers as below:

Supplier	License	Raw Material	Location	GFS WTP # STCC #	Overall Risk *
Lusera Sdn. Bhd.	JP(K)KK001/09(X39)	Sawn timber	Kota Kinabalu	GFS 114 WTP (11/12/2023)	Low

Note: *GFS risk evaluation is based on the risk matrix for Sabah TLAS (VL) material & products.

Summary Results:

(Major gap = 0, Minor gap = 1, Observation = 0)

GAPs: Year 2023				
GAP #	Type	Checklist	Status	Description
001/2023	Obs 001-2022	6.1.2 6.1.3	Raised to minor	September 2022: Removal pass for one export consignment was not available during the assessment. August 2023: Inconsistent in maintaining documents for export consignments.

*Major = Non-Compliance

Observations: Year 2023		
Obs #	Checklist	Description
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Highlights of Close-Out Visit (if applicable)	Date: -
Not applicable	

Recommendations
<p>Best Maxim Sdn. Bhd. has demonstrated compliance with the Sabah Standard Principles 5-6 for Chain of Custody and is recommended to receive a GFS Statement of Compliance and Sabah Timber Legality Assurance System Compliance Certificate (TLAS-CC) from SFD.</p> <p>Gap(s)/Observation(s) identified in this assessment should be addressed before the next surveillance visit. Action required to close the gap(s)/observation(s) include: Gap 001/2023 (Raised to minor) – Checklist 6.1.2, 6.1.3: Best Maxim shall maintain documents for all export consignments.</p> <p>The next surveillance visit is scheduled for August 2024.</p>

End of Summary Report