

Sabah TLAS Audit Report Principles 5 & 6

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Statements

Statement of Compliance	GFS 212 WTP		
Issuance Date	28 July 2025	Expiration Date	27 July 2026

Assessment Details

Company Type	Sawmill & Plywood Mill, Exporter, Importer
Scope of Assessment	Sabah TLAS P5-6: JP(S)SS001/00(X06)R, FDS(SS)(E)016/2019(M), FDS(SS)(S)018/2019(M), FDS(SS)(I)036/2019(M), FDS(SS)(J)026/2019(M)
Product Group	Plywood
Source of Material	Sabah, Malaysia.
Species	<i>Shorea spp. (Red Seraya, Yellow Seraya), Scaphium spp. (Kembang Semangkuk), Sapotaceae spp. (Nyatoh), Sindora beccariana (Sepetir), Drybalanops spp. (Kapur), Dyera spp. (Jelutong), Duabanga moluccana (Magas), Parartocarpus or Artocarpus spp. (Terap), Dipterocarpus spp. (Keruing), Parashorea spp. (White Seraya), Octomeles sumatrana (Binuang), Nauclea spp. / Neonauclea spp. (Bangkal), Hopea sangal (Gagil), Beccariana spp. (Sepetir), Prerospermum spp. (Bayor), Alstonia spp. (Pulai), Neolamarckia cadamba (Laran), Pentace spp. (Takalis), Shorea pauciflora (Oba Suluk), Annonaceae spp. (Pisang-pisang), Castanopsis motleyana (Berangan), Albizia spp., Myristicaceae spp. (Darah-darah), Ilex spp. (Morogis), Parkia spp. (Petai), Shorea spp. (Melapi), Lauraceae or Michelia spp. (Medang), Tamarindus spp. (Assam), Gluta spp. (Rengas), Anisoptera spp. (Pengiran) and Other timber (OT)</i>
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Terms of Assessment

The scope of the evaluation is to verify compliance with Sinora 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 is 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 knowledge of GFS.

Background Information:

Sinora Sdn. Bhd. (Sinora) is, on from 13/06/1974, incorporated under Companies Act 2016 is registered in Sandakan, Sabah, Malaysia, with registration #: 197401001920 (19049-H). Sinora holds a PEFC certification (PEFC #: ICMY-PEFC-COC-T1034088), valid until 08/08/2029. Sinora purchases round logs and veneer from Sabah and produces plywood and sells it locally. Sinora exports plywood to Japan, USA, India and Peninsular Malaysia.

The previous assessment was conducted in August 2024 that resulted in 2 gap(s) and 2 observation(s) (Report #: GFSSBH 004-715).

Associated Organizations & Subcontractors:

Sinora does not engage any other subcontractor to produce or manufacture products.

Priceworth International Berhad changed it's name to Maxland Berhad and has a corporate structure under timber that consists of:

- Sinora Sdn. Bhd.
- Beta Bumi Sdn. Bhd.
- Innora Sdn. Bhd.
- Priceworth Industries Sdn. Bhd. > (Maxland Sdn. Bhd. & Rimbunan Gagah Sdn. Bhd.)

Description of the Supply Chain:

From August 2024 to July 2025, Sinora purchased raw materials from the suppliers as below:

Supplier	License	Raw Material	Location	GFS WTP # STCC #	Overall Risk *
Rakyat Berjaya Sdn. Bhd. (Waygood Enterprise Sdn. Bhd.)	JP(DPS)007/2021(F1), JP(DPS)010/2023(F1)	Round logs	Tongod	GFS 198 LVS (07/04/2025)	High
Rakyat Berjaya Sdn. Bhd. (Kinetic Journey Sdn. Bhd.)	FMU 16 (SFMLA 09/97)	Round logs	Tongod	GFS 130 LVS (15/12/2025)	Low
Innora Sdn. Bhd.	JP(S)SS003/06(X04)	Round logs	Sandakan	GFS 175 WTP (27/04/2026)	Low
KTS Plantation Sdn. Bhd.	JP(SLK)125/93(CO)	Round logs	Sandakan	Non-Compliance	High
Maxland Sdn. Bhd. – A, B, C	SFMLA 01/2007	Round logs	Deramakot	GFS 009 LVS (30/03/2026)	Low

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

Summary Results:

(Major gap = 0, Minor gap = 2, Observation = 0)

GAPs: Year 2025				
GAP #	Type	Checklist	Status	Description
001/2024	Minor	5.1.3	Outstanding	August 2024: Incorrect recording of input and log supply in Appendix 3. The manual submission for Appendix 1 and 3 was not submitted to SFD. July 2025: Incorrect recording of log input, log supply, and log carry forward in Appendix 3 manual submission.
002/2024	Minor	5.3.2	Closed	August 2024: Total foreign workers employed exceeded the quota to hire foreign workers. July 2025: Total foreign workers employed are within JTK quota.
001/2025	Minor	5.2.12	New	July 2025: Monthly volumes of log input and sawn timber output per batch unit # were not recorded.

*Major = Non-Compliance

Observations: Year 2025		
Obs #	Checklist	Description
001-2024 Addressed	5.2.4	August 2024: Several removal passes were not stamped as "Used." July 2025: Removal passes for log purchase were stamped as "Used".
002-2024 Addressed	6.3.2	August 2024: Plywood was exported without a valid export license. August 2024: Plywood was exported with valid export license.

Highlights of Close-Out Visit (if applicable)	Date: -
Not applicable	

Recommendations
<p>Sinora 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:</p> <p>Gap 001/2024 (minor) Outstanding – Checklist 5.1.3: Sinora shall correctly record input and log supply in Appendix 3.</p> <p>Gap 001/2025 (minor) – Checklist 5.2.12: Sinora shall record volumes of log input and sawntimber output for each Sabah TLAS Batch unit.</p> <p>The next surveillance visit is scheduled for July 2026.</p>

End of Summary Report