

Sabah TLAS Audit Report Principles 5 & 6

Organisation	Sabah Softwoods Berhad (16887-D)	Reference #	GFSSBH 004-568
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Statements

Audit Statement #	GFS 160 WTP		
Issuance Date	30 October 2023	Expiration Date	29 October 2024

Assessment Details

Company Type	Sawmill, Chip Mill & Exporter
Scope of Assessment	Sabah TLAS P5-6: JP(T)TW003/00(X18)R, JP(T)TW002/11(B01), FDS(TW)(S)077/2019(M), FDS(TW)(E)041/2019(M)
Product Group	Wood chips
Source of Material	Sabah, Malaysia.
Species	Plantation logs: <i>Eucalyptus pellita</i>
Lead Assessor	Brandon James
Assessor(s)	Sandra George, Vanessa Abin
FDS Staff	Norhaida Sinar (ADFO Tawau), Syed Abd. Rahim (PPD Tawau)

Terms of Assessment

The scope of the evaluation is to verify compliance of Sabah Softwoods Berhad 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:

Sabah Softwoods Berhad is registered in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, with registration # 16887-D. Sabah Softwoods Berhad has two (2) mills, a sawmill and a chip mill. Currently, only the chip mill is in operation. The sawmill production ceased since 2014.

Sabah Softwoods Berhad has an FSC license FSC-C104743 (SGSHK-COC-008500) from 02/03/2021 to 01/03/2026. Sabah Softwoods Berhad exports woodchip to Indonesia and Japan, and plantation logs were exported to Sarawak.

The previous assessment was conducted in October 2022 that resulted in 0 gap(s) and 0 observation(s) (Report #: GFSSBH 004-418).

Associated Organizations & Subcontractors:

Sabah Softwoods Berhad does not engage other companies as their subcontractors to provide or manufacture products.

Description of the Supply Chain:

From October 2022 to September 2023, Sabah Softwoods Berhad purchased raw materials from the suppliers as below:

Supplier	License	Raw Material	Location	GFS WTP # STCC #	Overall Risk *
Sabah Softwoods Berhad	CL 105467687	Plantation log	Kalabakan	GFS 149 LVS (18/12/2023) SCS-FM/COC-00101P (30/11/2027)	Low

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

Summary Results:

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

GAPs: Year 2023				
GAP #	Type	Checklist	Status	Description
-	-	-	-	-

*Major = Non-Compliance

Observations: Year 2023		
Obs #	Checklist	Description
-	-	-

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

Recommendations
<p>Sabah Softwoods Berhad 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>The next surveillance visit is scheduled for October 2024.</p>

End of Summary Report