Sabah TLAS Audit Report Principles 5 & 6

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Statements				
Audit Statement #	GFS 276 WTP			
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Assessment Details				
Company Type	Importer			
Scope of Assessment	Sabah TLAS P5-6: FDS(KK)(I)007/2020, FDS(KK)(S)002/2021			
Product Group	Blockboard, Plywood			
Source of Material	Peninsular & Sabah, Malaysia.			
Species	Mixed species from natural forests			
Lead Assessor	Vanessa Abin (Acting Lead)			
Assessor(s)	Glory Linggou			
FDS Staff	-			

Terms of Assessment

The scope of the evaluation is to verify compliance of Le Viano 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:

Le Viano Sdn. Bhd. (Le Viano) is registered in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia, with registration #: 201301010799 (1040636-P). Le Viano imports blockboard from Peninsular Malaysia and purchases plywood from local suppliers and sells them as renovation materials for the local market.

The previous assessment was conducted in March 2023 that resulted in 3 gap(s) and 3 observation(s) (Report #: GFSSBH 004-480).

Associated Organizations & Subcontractors:

Le Viano has a verbal agreement with Asia Shipping & Forwarding (Sabah) Sdn. Bhd. as its forwarding agent to handle documentation for import activities.

Description of the Supply Chain:

From February 2023 to February 2024, Le Viano purchased raw materials from the suppliers as below:

Supplier	License	Raw Material	Location	GFS WTP # STCC #	Overall Risk *
Veracity Corporation Sdn. Bhd.	JP(N)KG001/00(X02)R	Plywood	Keningau	GFS 053 WTP (17/09/2024)	Low
C & H Enterprise	FDS(SS)(I)038/2019	Plywood	Sandakan	GFS 235 WTP (23/07/2024)	Low
Kim Guan Impex Sdn. Bhd.	FDS(KK)(I)021/2019	Plywood	Kota Kinabalu	GFS 258 WTP (25/12/2024)	Low
Tonah Trading Co. Sdn. Bhd.	Not stated	Blockboard	Peninsular Malaysia	-	High

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 2024				
GAP#	Type	Checklist	Status	Description
001/2022	minor	5.2.4	Closed	April 2022: There is no evidence that the COC procedure has been established to define trading activities related to Sabah TLAS requirements. March 2023: Le Viano has yet to establish and document a Chain of Custody (COC) system for its import and trading activities. March 2024: Le Viano established and maintained the CoC procedures.
002/2022	minor	5.3.2 5.3.7 5.3.8	Closed	April 2022: No training on safety and fire was conducted by the company from 2021 to 2022. March 2023: Le Viano has yet to conduct safety and fire training. March 2024: Le Viano conducted safety and fire training.
001/2023	minor	6.2.4	Closed	March 2023: Le Viano did not conduct a Risk Assessment for imported products from Peninsular Malaysia. March 2024: Le Viano has conducted the risk assessments for all imported products from Peninsular Malaysia.

^{*}Major = Non-Compliance

Observations: Year 2024				
Obs # Checklist		Description		
001-2023	6.2.3	March 2023:		
Addressed	6.2.6	Le Viano did not keep a copy of the SFD import approval in its office. March 2024:		
		Le Viano kept copies of the SFD import approval in its office.		
002-2023	6.2.8	March 2023:		
Addressed	6.3.1	Le Viano did not keep a copy of the inspection fee receipt in its office. March 2024:		
		Le Viano only imported blockboard; thus, the inspection fee is exempted.		
003-2023	6.3.2	March 2023:		
Addressed	6.3.3	Le Viano did not keep a copy of the removal pass in its office.		
		March 2024:		
		Le Viano kept copies of the removal pass in its office.		

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

Recommendations

Le Viano 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.

The next surveillance visit is scheduled for March 2025.

End of Summary Report