Sabah TLAS Audit Report Principles 5 & 6

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Statements				
Audit Statement #	GFS 173 WTP			
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Assessment Details			
Company Type	Moulding mill		
Scope of Assessment	Sabah TLAS P5-6: JP(T)TW001/10(M01)		
Product Group	Moulded timber and doors		
Source of Material	Sabah, Malaysia.		
Species	Drybalanops spp. (Kapur), Dipterocarp spp. (Keruing), Koompassia malaccensis (Impas), Parashorea spp. (White seraya), Shorea spp. (Red seraya, Yellow seraya, Melapi), Heritiera simplicifolia (Kembang), Sapotaceae spp. (Nyatoh), Neolamarckia cadamba (Laran), Duabanga moluccana (Magas), Octomeles sumatrana (Binuang), Alstonia spp. (Pulai), Annonaceae spp. (Karai), Eugenia spp. (Obah), Sindora beccariana (Sepetir), Lauraceace (Medang), Planchonia valida (Putat), Terminalia subspathulata (Talisai), Myristicaceae (Darah-darah), Dillenia spp. (Simpor), Cotylelobium spp. (Resak batu), Cratoxylum arborescens (Serungan), Pentace spp. (Takalis), Hopea sangal (Gagil), Calophyllum obliquinervium (Bintangor), Macaranga spp. (Sedaman), Prerospermum (Bayor), Dyera spp. (Jelutong), Dialium indum (Keranji), Azadirachta excels (Bawang-bawang), Magnolia candollii (Chempaka)		
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Terms of Assessment

The scope of the evaluation is to verify compliance of Kin Chiew Furniture 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 noncompliance 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:

Kin Chiew Furniture Sdn. Bhd. (Kin Chiew Furniture) is registered in Tawau, Malaysia, with registration # 822952-K. Kin Chiew Furniture produces moulding products and doors for the local market.

The previous assessment was conducted in November 2023 that resulted in 1 gap(s) and 1 observation(s) (Report #: GFSSBH 004-433).

Associated Organizations & Subcontractors:

Kin Chiew Furniture does not engage other companies as their subcontractors to provide or manufacture products.

Description of the Supply Chain:

From October 2022 to October 2023, Kin Chiew Furniture purchased raw materials from the suppliers as below:

Supplier	License	Raw Material	Location	GFS WTP # STCC #	Overall Risk *
Soonlinmas Sdn. Bhd.	FDS(KK)(S)003/2021	Blockboard	Kota Kinabalu	GFS 261 WTP (26/02/2024)	Low
Gold Rank Sdn. Bhd.	JP(T)TW001/10(X04)	Sawn timber	Tawau	GFS 010 WTP (25/06/2024)	Low
Yun Seng Enterprise	PG/SDK01/2017	Plywood	Sandakan	=	High
YC Supplies Sdn. Bhd.	PG/SDK 01/2018	Plywood	Sandakan	-	High
Sherwood Timber Processing Sdn. Bhd.	JP(T)TW004/00(X02) R	Lumber core	Tawau	GFS 042 WTP (21/05/2024)	Low
Hap Seng Property Investment Sdn. Bhd (Chuan Huan Trading Sdn. Bhd.)	JP(T)TW002/05(B01)	Sawn timber	Tawau	GFS 216 WTP (27/08/2024)	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 = 1)

GAPs: Year 2023				
GAP#	Type	Checklist	Status	Description
001/2021	minor	5.2.3	Closed	November 2021: Inconsistency in identification of the correct Sabah TLAS status for suppliers in the arrival book. November 2022: Kin Chiew Furniture identified the Sabah TLAS status correctly for suppliers except for Majestic Goldtree in the arrival book. November 2023: Kin Chiew Furniture has identified the Sabah TLAS status correctly for all suppliers in the arrival book.

^{*}Major = Non-Compliance

Observation	s: Year 2023		
Obs #	Checklist	Description	
001-2022	5.3.7	November 2022:	
Addressed		Records of safety training were incomplete.	
		November 2023:	
		Kin Chiew Furniture has included agenda and attendance records as part of training records.	
001-2023	5.1.2	November 2023:	
		Kin Chiew Furniture did not record sawn timber carry forward stock in	
		online submission for Appendix 7 from October 2022 to October 2023.	

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

Recommendations

Kin Chiew Furniture 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.

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:

Observation 001-2023 – Checklist 5.1.2: Kin Chiew Furniture shall record the sawn timber carry forward stock in Appendix 7 online submission.

The next surveillance visit is scheduled for November 2024.

End of Summary Report