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To: All Holders of PEFC Certificate for Chain of Custody & CBs under the MTCS

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Extension of Transition Period for Chain of Custody Related Standards

Reference is made to our earlier letter to you dated 22 June 2020 regarding the above matter.

2. MTCC wishes to inform you that PEFC Council has granted a further 6-month extension of the transition period to all PEFC Chain of Custody related standards i.e. PEFC ST 2001:2020, PEFC ST 2002:2020 and PEFC ST 2003:2020 from 14 February 2022 to 14 August 2022.

3. This extension would provide additional time for CoC certificate holders to align their procedures with the requirements as stipulated in the 2020 versions of the standards, as well as for the certification bodies to obtain accreditation and update their procedures on the use of the new standards.

4. In relation to the above, please take note that after 13 August 2022, all PEFC CoC audit will be conducted against PEFC ST 2001:2020 and PEFC ST 2002:2020 standards. As you are aware, in the interim process, there will still be PEFC CoC certificates issued against PEFC ST 2001:2008 and PEFC ST 2002:2013. And it is mandated that all these PEFC certificates shall comply with the requirements of the PEFC 2020 standards by 14 August 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you require further clarification regarding the above matter.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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- (ii) Malaysian Timber Industry Board (Attn: En. Kheiruddin bin Mohd Rani)
- (iii) Malaysian Timber Council (Attn: Ms. Alexis Chang)
- (iv) Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (Attn: Tuan Hj. Hashim Hj. Bojet)
- (v) Timber Exporters' Association Malaysia (Attn: Ms. Juliana Yu)
- (vi) Malaysian Wood Industries Association (Attn: Ms. Pang Suet Kim)
- (vii) Malaysian Panel-Products Manufacturers Association (Attn: Mr. Ang Ee Theng)
- (viii) Malaysian Wood Moulding and Joinery Council (Attn: Ms. Betsy Phui)
- (ix) Malaysian Furniture Council (Attn: Mr. Ho Chee Kong)
- (x) Persatuan Pengusaha Kayu Kayan & Perabot Bumiputera (Attn: En. Aidrus Musa)
- (xi) Sarawak Timber Association (Attn: Ms. Annie Ting)
- (xii) Sabah Timber Industries Association (Attn: Mr. Stephen Chaw)
- (xiii) Timber Association of Sabah (Attn: Mr. Norman Wong Shew Yam)
- (xiv) Department of Standards Malaysia (Attn: En. Wan Rukiman Wan Mamat)
- (xv) All Notified Certification Bodies

Transition to the 2020 versions of the STs

Certification body / Certified organization

- **Certification process for the certification body:**
 1. Get training on 2020 version of the CoC related STs
 2. Get accredited
 - New accreditation
 - Expanding the existing scope
 3. Start providing certification
- **Certification process for the organisation:**
 1. Update of procedures and management system
 2. Audit against 2020 version of standard
 3. Start implementing in practice requirements of revised standard according to updated procedures
 4. New trademarks licence contract to be signed once certificate against 2020 is issued / Label generator