



TECHNICAL SEMINAR

22.11.2018

LEVEL 2, WISMA MUAR FURNITURE ASSOCIATION, MUAR, JOHOR

The Malaysian Timber Council is organising a Technical Seminar to enable stakeholders to have a better understanding on the import procedures as well as the requirements of the CAR 2014. The seminar will cover the topics below:

- a. "Clean Air Regulations 2014 (CAR 2014)" by the Department of Environment (DoE)
- b. "Procedures and Requirements for the Import of Timber Products" by the Department of Agriculture (DoA)

PROGRAMME

10.00am Registration
10.30am Welcoming Remarks by CEO of Malaysian Timber Council
10.40am "Clean Air Regulations 2014" by Department of Environment (DoE)

11.25am "Procedures and Requirements for the Import of Timber Products" by Department of Agriculture (DoA)
12.10pm Question and Answer Session
1.00pm End of Seminar Lunch

THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (CLEAN AIR) REGULATIONS 2014

The Environmental Quality (Clean Air) Regulations 2014 or CAR 2014 was gazetted on 4 June 2014. It is set to control emissions of air pollutants from various industrial activities where the legal requirement and administrative burden differ according to the respective industries' pollution potential. This new rule emphasises on self-regulation where factories concerned are required to monitor and maintain their air pollution control systems and to report on the performance of these systems.

The timber industry falls under various categories of CAR 2014, depending on the operations and processes it adopts



as well as the type and amount of pollutants it produces. Existing premises or factories are given a five-year grace period, which is until 5 June 2019 to comply with the regulations under CAR 2014. However, all new factories with manufacturing facilities and existing factories with latest installations must comply with CAR 2014 with immediate effect.

As such, the timber industry is bound to face various challenges in its move to comply with this regulation which centres on more stringent emission limits and best practices, among others.

PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORT OF TIMBER PRODUCTS

The Department of Agriculture (DoA) through its Plant Biosecurity Division (PBD) as the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) is responsible to ensure that the importation of agriculture commodities into Malaysia are free from pests and diseases. The PBD is responsible for the enforcement of Import Permit (IP) and the requirements for import of plants into the country which is in line with the Plant Quarantine Act 1976 and the Plant Quarantine Regulations 1981 to prevent entry of foreign pests and diseases.



This applies to timber and timber products, i.e., bark chips, sawdust and woodchips, logs, sawn timber/large scantling and large scantling and square (LSS), loose wood packing materials, wood mulch and carved wood as well as semi processed furniture and parquet.

To meet the requirements stipulated in the IP, the PBD will implement pest risk analysis (PRA) for each imported commodity. The work of PRA would include getting the pests' list, assessing the possibilities on how the imported commodity could harbour pest during importation and what mitigation could be taken to reduce or remove the possibilities of pests being imported together with the commodities.

Apart from preventing the entry of pests through imported commodities, the PBD also assists in the export of agriculture commodities. The PBD issues Phytosanitary Certificates (PC) for the export of agriculture commodities to comply with the importing countries' import requirements.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Admission is free but seats are limited. To secure your seat, kindly complete the form below and fax it to 03-9282 8999. (16 November 2018)

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