






TECHNICAL SEMINAR



The Malaysian Timber Council is organising the Technical Seminar to disseminate the latest updates on timber import procedures, potential for SMEs to adopt Mechanical and Automisation (M&A) in their manufacturing processes as well as financing schemes for the wood-based sector.

The seminar will cover the topics below:

- a. **“Procedures and Requirements for the Import of Timber Products”** by Department of Agriculture (DoA)
- b. **“The First Step in Industry 4.0 Journey: Mechanisation & Automation (M&A) and Retrofitting”** by Mr Chua Kee Moh, Director of Bistanika Sdn Bhd
- c. **“Soft Financing Schemes”** by Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Berhad (MIDF)



**3 July 2019
(Wednesday)**
MTC Level 20 (Foyer)
Menara PGRM, Tower 1
Cheras, 56100 Kuala Lumpur

Procedures and Requirements for the Import of Timber Products

The Department of Agriculture (DoA) through its Plant Biosecurity Division (PBD) is responsible to ensure that the importation of agriculture commodities into Malaysia are free from pests and diseases. This applies to timber and timber products, i.e. bark chips, sawdust and woodchips, logs, sawntimber/large scantling and large square scantling (LSS), loose wood packing materials, wood mulch and carved wood as well as semi-processed furniture and parquet.

The importation approval depends on the risk of pest infestation along with consignment imported, the risk of pests in an exporting country and the risk of the consignment itself comes a pest.

The **Pest Risk Analysis (PRA)** is conducted to assess:

- The probability of entry of a pest
- The potential for establishment
- The potential for spread
- The potential for economic consequences in the PRA area

PRA must be conducted for the importation of controlled articles, plants and plant products. To ensure the approval for the import application, DoA needs to obtain Technical Document (which include the list of pests provided by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of the exporting country) prior to conducting the PRA.

PRA is conducted based on information on products to be imported, technical document received from NPPO of exporting country, literature findings, Crop Protection Compendium (CPC), survey findings and recommendations from relevant experts.

PRA is important to ensure that the importation of products does not carry the risk of bringing into our country, dangerous foreign

pests that could be detrimental to the country's agriculture and forestry sectors.

The First Step in Industry 4.0 Journey: Mechanisation & Automation (M&A) and Retrofitting

Industry 4.0 is a new era in the manufacturing industry and its key benefits are:

- Availability of new technologies at lower cost
- More user friendly, non-proprietary softwares
- More powerful and reliable processors & controllers

It is now the time for the industry to revamp:

- Mechanise and automate to increase productivity and reduce reliance on manual labour
- Retrofit existing equipment with new technologies to improve performance and reliability
- Connect processes for better coordination and higher efficiency

Although full implementation of Industry 4.0 involves large investment, manufacturers could start this journey with minimal investment by identifying equipment that could be retrofitted for automation, data collection and analytics. In this Talk, the speaker would share his ideas on potential for mechanisation and automation as well as retrofitting existing woodworking machinery in the journey towards Industry 4.0.

Soft Financing Schemes

Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Berhad (MIDF), an agency of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) offers various Government Financing Assistance Programmes in the form of soft loans. MIDF provides a broad range of Shariah compliant financing schemes to finance machinery and equipment, industrial and commercial property as well as working capital.



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Programme

- 10.00 a.m. Registration and Refreshments
- 10.30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks by CEO of Malaysian Timber Council
- 10.40 a.m. Presentation on “**Procedures and Requirements for the Import of Timber Products**” by Department of Agriculture (DoA)
- 11.25 a.m. Presentation on “**The First Step in Industry 4.0 Journey: Mechanisation & Automation (M&A) and Retrofitting**” by Mr Chua Kee Moh
- 12.10 p.m. Presentation on “**Soft Financing Schemes**” by Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Berhad (MIDF)
- 12.30 p.m. Question and Answer Session
- 1.15 p.m. End of Seminar
Lunch



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REGISTRATION FORM

Admission is free but seats are limited. To secure your seat, kindly complete the form below and fax it to 03-9282 8999 by **21 June 2019**.

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