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New Institutional Arrangement for Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS)

MTCC has been making preparations towards implementing a new institutional arrangement for its timber certification scheme since 2005 as an important measure to further enhance the acceptance of the scheme in the international market. Following these preparations, the new institutional arrangement was implemented with effect from 1 July 2008, where MTCC continues to play the role of the National Governing Body (NGB) for the scheme, while the independent assessors become the Certification Bodies (CBs) which have to be accredited to the Department of Standards Malaysia (Standards Malaysia), the national Accreditation Body.

Applications for certification will henceforth be made to the CB, which will process the application, conduct the assessment and make the decision to issue the certificate or otherwise.

As part of its preparation for the implementation of the new institutional arrangement, MTCC has branded its scheme as the Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme (MTCS) in order to distinguish clearly between the scheme (MTCS) and the organization (MTCC) which operates it.

The new institutional arrangement for the MTCS is necessary in order to meet the requirements for endorsement by the PEFC Council and the public procurement policies of key timber importing countries in Europe.