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(Made under section 24)

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 24 of the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation Ordinance, 1973 [*Ord. No. 3/73*], the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri has made the following Regulations:

PART I
PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the **Sarawak Timber Industry (Licensing) Regulations, 2025**, and shall be deemed to have come into force on the 3rd day of March, 2025.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“domestic use” shall have the same meaning assigned to it under the Ordinance;

“Exporter” means a person who export timber or timber products outside Sarawak;

“fees” means the fees as prescribed in the First Schedule;

“holder of a temporary permit” means a person issued with Temporary Permit under section 5C of the Ordinance;

“Importer” means a person who bring or cause to be brought any timber or timber products into Sarawak by land, sea or air;

“licence” means a timber industry licence issued pursuant to section 5A of the Ordinance;

“Licensee” means a person who is issued with a timber industry licence under section 5A of the Ordinance;

“Local Trader” means a person who carries out the sale, distribution and marketing of timber and timber products for market within Sarawak;

“operator” means a person who is appointed by the Licensee to operate a licensed timber mill pursuant to a written agreement;

“Ordinance” means the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation Ordinance, 1973 [*Ord. No. 3/73*];

“timber mill layout” means an approved mill layout plan by the General Manager pursuant to regulation 14; and

“timber products” shall have the same meaning assigned to it under the Ordinance.

PART II LICENCE

Application for licence

3. Any application for licence issued under section 5A of the Ordinance shall be in such form as may be determined by the General Manager and accompanied by relevant documents or other information as may be required by him.

Procedure for approval of the licence

4.—(1) If the General Manager approves an application submitted pursuant to regulation 3, he shall notify the applicant in writing.

(2) The applicant shall pay the fees as prescribed in the First Schedule within fourteen days from the date of the approval failing which such approval shall be rescinded and shall be null and void.

(3) Upon payment of the prescribed fees, the General Manager shall issue the licence as prescribed in the Second Schedule on such terms and conditions as may be imposed by him.

Breach of terms and conditions of licence

5. Any person who contravenes any of the terms and conditions imposed under the licence shall be guilty of an offence and shall, upon conviction, be punished with a fine of not less than ten thousand ringgit and not exceeding one hundred thousand ringgit, and in the case of continuing offence, a further fine of not exceeding five thousand ringgit for each day during which the offence continues after conviction.

Grounds for refusal of licence

6.—(1) The General Manager may refuse an application for licence on any of the following grounds:

(a) the applicant has not fulfilled any pre-requisite requirement imposed by the General Manager;

(b) the applicant has committed any offence under the Ordinance, or any offence under the Forests Ordinance, 2015 [*Cap. 71*] or any offence relating to fraud, corruption, or dishonesty;

(c) the applicant has been adjudged a bankrupt or in the case of a company, an order of winding up has been made against it by the court of competent jurisdiction; or

(d) such other grounds as the General Manager deems fit.

(2) If the General Manager refuses an application for licence submitted under regulation 3, he shall notify the applicant in writing.

Compliance with other laws

7. The issuance of a licence under these Regulations shall not be construed as derogating from the requirements of any other written laws.

Application for renewal of licence

8.—(1) A Licensee shall submit an application for renewal of Licence accompanied by the relevant documents or other information as may be required by the General Manager and such application shall be made within three months prior to the date of expiry of the licence.

(2) Upon payment of the prescribed fees under the First Schedule, the General Manager shall renew the licence as prescribed under the Second Schedule on such terms and conditions as he deems fit.

(3) Any application received after the date of expiry of the licence, may be considered for renewal subject to payment of late renewal fees as prescribed in the First Schedule.

(4) The General Manager may refuse to renew the licence based on the following grounds:

(a) if the applicant has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions imposed by the General Manager;

(b) the applicant has committed any offence under the Ordinance or any offence under the Forests Ordinance, 2015 [Cap. 71] or any offence relating to fraud, corruption or dishonesty;

(c) the applicant has been adjudged a bankrupt or in the case of a company, an order of winding up has been made against it by the Court of competent jurisdiction; and

(d) such other grounds as the General Manager deems fit.

PART III

TEMPORARY PERMIT

Application for temporary permit

9. Any application for temporary permit issued under section 5C of the Ordinance shall be in such form as may be determined by the General Manager and

accompanied by relevant documents or other information as may be required by him.

Procedure for approval of temporary permit

10.—(1) If the General Manager approves an application submitted pursuant to regulation 10, he shall notify the applicant in writing.

(2) The applicant shall pay the fees as prescribed in the First Schedule within fourteen days from the date of the approval failing which such approval shall be rescinded and shall be null and void.

(3) Upon payment of the prescribed fees, the General Manager shall issue the temporary permit as prescribed under the Second Schedule on such terms and conditions as may be imposed by him.

Breach of conditions and restrictions of temporary permit

11. Any person who contravenes any of the conditions and restrictions imposed under the temporary permit shall be guilty of an offence and shall, upon conviction, be punished with a fine of not less than ten thousand ringgit and not exceeding one hundred thousand ringgit, and in the case of continuing offence, a further fine of not exceeding five thousand ringgit for each day during which the offence continues after conviction.

Cancellation of temporary permit

12.—(1) The General Manager may, by notice in writing to the holder of the temporary permit, cancel a temporary permit, where he is satisfied that any of the following grounds exists:

(a) the holder of the temporary permit has breached the conditions and restrictions imposed by the General Manager;

(b) the holder of the temporary permit has been issued with a licence under Section 5A of the Ordinance;

(c) the holder of the temporary permit has committed any offence under the of the Ordinance, or any offence under the Forests Ordinance, 2015 [*Cap. 71*] or any offence relating to fraud, corruption or dishonesty;

(d) the holder of the temporary permit has been adjudged a bankrupt or in the case of a company an order of winding up has been made against it by the Court of competent jurisdiction; and

(e) such other reasonable grounds as the General Manager deems fit.

PART IV
MISCELLANEOUS, *ETC.*

Appointment of operator

13.—(1) The Licensee may, subject to section 27B of the Ordinance and with prior approval of General Manager, appoint an operator to operate and manage the plant, factory or premise subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the General Manager and shall be accompanied by documents or other information as may be required by the General Manager.

(2) Any application for operating or managing a plant, factory or premise by an operator shall, upon approval, be subject to a prescribed fee in the First Schedule.

Register

14.—(1) The General Manager shall appoint a Registrar from among the officers appointed by the Board under section 11(4) of the Ordinance, who shall enter, keep and maintain a Register containing the details of the licence and temporary permit together with the particulars of the Licensee and holder of a temporary permit.

(2) Any person shall be permitted to inspect the Register upon application in writing to the Registrar and subject to the payment of a fee as prescribed in the First Schedule.

(3) The Licensee and the holder of a temporary permit shall furnish to the Registrar such particulars relating to the activities and its business, or any other particulars as may be requested by the Registrar within a period as he may specify in writing.

Timber Mill

15.—(1) Subject to the requirement of any other written laws, the timber mill shall be built on an approved site and in accordance with the approved timber mill layout plan by the General Manager.

(2) No amendment, alteration or revision to the timber mill layout shall be made without prior written approval of the General Manager subject to the payment of a fee as prescribed in the First Schedule.

(3) Any person who install, move or dismantle any machinery without prior written approval shall be considered for approval subject to a fee as prescribed in the First Schedule.

(4) Any person who contravene this regulation, shall be guilty of an offence and shall, upon conviction, be punished with a fine of not less than fifteen thousand ringgit and not exceeding thirty thousand ringgit or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

Appeal

16.—(1) Any person aggrieved by any decision made under these Regulations, he may appeal in writing to the Minister within thirty days after notification of such decision and shall be accompanied by supporting documents.

(2) The decision of the Minister shall be final and conclusive upon such appeal.

FIRST SCHEDULE

FEES FOR LICENCE AND TEMPORARY PERMIT

(Made under regulations 4, 8, 10 and 11)

PART A MANUFACTURE OF TIMBER AND TIMBER PRODUCTS				
PROCESS CATEGORY	MILL TYPE	CLASSIFICATION BY CAPACITY		LICENCE/TEMPORARY PERMIT FEES PER ANNUM (RM)
1. SAWMILLING	• Sawmill	C	<10,000m ³	300
		B	10,000 - 20,000m ³	600
		A	>20,000m ³	1,100
2. RESAWN	• Resawn	C	<10,000m ³	200
		B	10,000 – 20,000m ³	300
		A	>20,000m ³	500
3. CHIPPING & SPLITTING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodchips • Wood Shaving • Coprage (Barrel, casks, kegs) • Wood Wool • Wood particle including wood residue and sawdust • Cork, Bark based products 	C	<10,000 metric tonne	150
		B	10,000 - 50,000 metric tonne	300
		A	>50,000 metric tonne	550
4. BOARD MANUFACTURE I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plywood • Veneer (Peeled & Sliced) • Particleboard 	C	<50,000m ³	RM500

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fibreboard (Low, medium & high density) • Cement bonded board • Oriented strand board • Hardboard • Wood plastic composites • Other bio-composites 	B	50,000 - 100,000m ³	RM1,100
		A	>100,000m ³	RM2,100
5. BOARD MANUFACTURE II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laminated Board (Plywood, Oriented Strand board, Blockboard, Particleboard, Fibreboard, Wood composites) • Laminated Flooring • Blockboard • Laminboard • Doorskin • Particle Block • Compressed Wood 	C	<30,000m ³	RM250
		B	30,000 - 60,000m ³	RM550
		A	>60,000m ³	RM1,050
6. FINISHING OF PANEL PRODUCTS (BOARD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coated Board (Plywood, Fibreboard, particleboard, Wood chipboard, Oriented Strand board, Wood composites, Bio-composites) • Overlay Board (Plywood, Fibreboard, particleboard, Wood chipboard, Oriented Strand board, Wood composites, Bio-composites) • Shuttering Board 	C	<50,000m ³	RM450
		B	50,000 - 100,000m ³	RM1,050
		A	>100,000m ³	RM2,050
7. ENGINEERED WOOD MANUFACTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) • Glue Laminated (Glulam) • Cross Laminated Timber • Bentwood, Bent plywood, Bent board, Laminated post 	C	<30,000m ³	RM450
		B	30,000 - 60,000m ³	RM 1,050
		A	>60,000m ³	RM 2,050
8. FUEL MANUFACTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charcoal Briquette • Charcoal • Wood Pellet • Wood Carbonisation • Biochar 	C	<5,000 metric tonne	RM300
		B	5,000 - 10,000 metric tonne	RM400

		A	>10,000 metric tonne	RM500
9. FURNITURE MANUFACTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furniture including Bamboo & Rattan • Coffin & Casket • Furniture Parts, Components & Fittings 	C	<1,000m ³	RM100
		B	1,000 - 5,000m ³	RM150
		A	>5,000m ³	RM250
10. MOULDINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Services • Wood Parquet • Mouldings, Picture frame, Joinery • Carving, Toys, Inlay, Lattice, Dowel • Turnery, Handicraft • Door, Window • Door & Window Frame • Matches • Chopstick • Wooden Fence • Wooden Handle • Shingles 	C	<1,000m ³	RM100
		B	1,000 - 5,000m ³	RM150
		A	>5,000m ³	RM250
11. WOOD MODIFICATION OR IMPROVEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood Impregnation Plant • Kiln Drying • Timber treatment/Impregnation (Improve Mechanical Strength, Improve Resistance to Chemical, Reduce Effect of Hygroscopicity, Improve Resistance to Fire) • Wood preservation • Wood Hydrolysis • Wood Distillation 	C	<5,000m ³	RM150
		B	5,000 - 10,000m ³	RM300
		A	>10,000m ³	RM550
12.PULP AND PAPER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood Pulp (Mechanical pulp, Chemical pulp & other Fibre pulp) 	C	<100,000 ADMT	RM450
		B	100,000 - 350,000 ADMT	RM1,050
		A	>350,000 ADMT	RM2,050

	• Paper	C	<100,000m³	RM450
		B	100,000 - 350,000m³	RM1,050
		A	>350,000m³	RM2,050
	• Corrugated Fibreboard • Paper Products • Tissue paper • Corrugated Treated • Impregnated paper • Cardboard • News print paper • Recycled paper products	C	<3,000m³	RM450
		B	3,000 - 10,000m³	RM1,050
		A	>10,000m³	RM2,050
13. WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL	• Wooden Pallet • Cutting and Ripping Fibreboard • Wood Roller • Crate • Packing Block • Dunnage • Wood Drum • Wooden Box • Lockboard • Skid • Compressed Wood	C	<3,000m³	RM150
		B	3,000 - 10,000m³	RM250
		A	>10,000m³	RM450
PART B SALE, DISTRIBUTION OR MARKETING OF TIMBER				
Types		Fees		
Local Trader		RM 100		
Importer		RM 500		
Exporter	Timber Products	RM 500		
	Logs	RM 2000		

PART C OTHERS		
Revision of Timber Mill Layout Plan	Class A	RM 500
	Class B	RM 300
	Class C	RM 100
Machinery Installing and Dismantling Without Prior Approval by the General Manager	RM200 per machine	
Late Renewal	1.5 times of the Timber Industry License Fee	
Inspection Fee	RM10.00 per company in a search	
Operator	RM200 per operator	



SECOND SCHEDULE

Timber Industry Licence

(Made under regulations 4 and 9)

TIMBER INDUSTRY LICENCE

Pursuant to section 5A of the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation Ordinance, 1973

Licence No

Validity Period

Annual Fees

This License is issued to _____ of _____ in accordance with section 5A of the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation Ordinance, 1973 [*Ord. No. 3/73*] to establish/build/operate/manage:

i.	Sale, Distribution or Marketing of Timber
ii.	Manufacture of Timber and Timber Product

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

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General Manager

PARTICULARS OF LICENCE (ONLY FOR LICENCE WITH A MILL):

Mill Reference No	<input type="text"/>
Mill Type	<input type="text"/>
Class	<input type="text"/>
Products	<input type="text"/>
Mill Location	<input type="text"/>
Land Condition	<input type="text"/>
Annual Installed Capacity /Possible Output	<input type="text"/>
Approved Mill Layout Plan Reference No.	<input type="text"/>
Manufacturing License / Permit Reference No.	<input type="text"/>
Name of Operator	<input type="text"/>
TERMS AND CONDITIONS:	

**TEMPORARY PERMIT**

(Made under regulation 10)

TEMPORARY PERMIT

Pursuant to section 5c of the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation Ordinance, 1973.

Permit No

Validity Period

Annual Fees

This Permit is issued to _____ of _____ in accordance with section 5C of the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation Ordinance, 1973 [*Ord. No. 3/73*] to operate with the following particulars:

PARTICULARS OF TEMPORARY PERMIT:

Mill Details:

Mill Type

Products

Mill Location

Remarks

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS:

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General Manager

Made by the Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri this 20th day of March, 2025.

DATU AZLAN BIN HAJI ALI BADRI
Clerk to Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri

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