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## **GLAS - FPDMC**

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# INTRODUCTION



The purpose of the Legality Assurance System (LAS) is to provide a reliable means to certify that forest products are derived from legal sources. Issuance of certificates requires a system that ensures only legally produced wood products are exported. This includes checks of forest operations and control of supply chains from harvesting to export.

# GLAS - FPDMC



- With the growing recognition of the scale, intent and adverse impacts of illegal logging throughout the world, practical solutions are needed for companies to demonstrate that illegal harvested forest products are not in their supply chain. Verifying legal origin is one means to realize that objective.
- The Directors of FPDMC recognizing the importance of an effective Legality Assurance System to the well being of Guyana's Forestry Sector instructed that such a system be designed and implemented.

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- Most of the elements for implementation of the LAS are available except for a few minor gaps.
- The elements are contained in two documents; “Goodwood Guyana, Legality Assurance System (FPMC LAS copyright 2007)” and “Goodwood Guyana, Legality Assurance System Guidance Document (FPMC LAS copyright 2008)”.

# Requirements For the Guyana Legality Assurance System



- **Scope**

GLAS prescribes the requirements to be met by traders, producers and supplier of forest products either as individuals, companies, or as part of a defined supply chain, to confirm that the wood, log or lumber come from a legal source.

# Requirements For the Guyana Legality Assurance System



## Legal compliance for Timber Sales Agreement (TSAs) and Wood Cutting Lease (WCLs)

- **Principle 1- The FMO has legal rights to harvest and other parties' legal rights tenure rights are respected**
- **Principle 2- The FMO complies with relevant national legislation as it pertains to forest management, environment, labour and safety and health.**

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## Legal compliance for State Forest Permit (SFPs) and conversion areas

- **Principle 1- The FMO has legal rights to harvest and other parties legal tenure rights are respected**
- **Principle 2- The FMO complies with national legislation as it pertains to forest management, environment, labour and health and safety**
- **Principle 3- The FMO has paid taxes, fees, duties, royalties and penalties**

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## Legal compliance for FMO operating in Amerindian Village

- **Principle 1 – The FMO has legal rights to harvest and other parties' tenure rights are respected**
- **Principle 2 – The FMO complies with relevant national legislations as it pertains to forest management, environment, labour and health and safe**
- **Principle 3 – The FMO has paid due taxes, fees, duties, royalties and penalties**



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## Legal compliance of agricultural or mining property owners

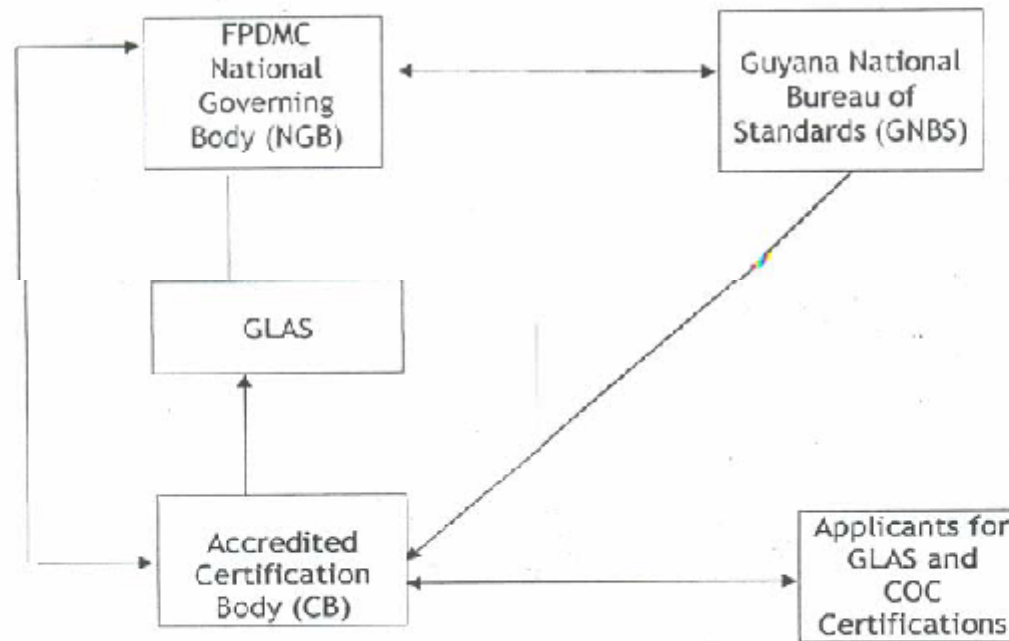
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## **Chain of Custody (CoC)**

## INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT FOR GLAS



### GLOSSARY:

1. GLAS: Guyana Legal Assurance System (Forest Products) and Chain of Custody (COC)
2. FPDMC: Forest Products Development Marketing Council (appointed Board of Trustees and national governing body for GLAS)
3. GNBS: Guyana National Bureau of Standards
4. CB: Accredited Certification Body

# CONCLUSION



- With regard to the proposed institutional arrangement, Forest Products Marketing Council of Guyana Inc (FPDMC) will be the National Governing Body (NGB) in charge of the Guyana Legal Assurance System (GLAS) and Chain of Custody (CoC).
- The aim is to make GLAS compatible with FLEGT, LACEY ACT and other international trading blocks that require assurance of legal wood.
- It is envisaged that an awards and oversight committee (AOC) will be in place to provide oversight for: Auditor selection; granting of certificates; and quality control.

# CONCLUSION



- Through collaborative efforts technical support was given to the Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) by FPDMC for GLAS
- GNBS will be responsible for issuing certificates.
- Currently technical support through GTIS has been acquired to do a review of the standard . This international review body will be appointed to review/ audit the system to assure its integrity internationally.
- This will commence in February of 2011.



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