

LGM Introduces Smart Card To Combat Rubber Theft

The Malaysian Rubber Board (LGM) has introduced the Rubber Smallholders Sales Registration Card to combat rubber theft which lately have been quite rampant. The increase in number of thefts were due to the increase in rubber prices which were as high as RM7.00/kg (farmgate price).

The main objectives of the Rubber Smallholder Sales Registration Card are:

- i. To establish an identity for the rubber smallholder when selling rubber in the local market
- ii. To reduce or prevent the theft of rubber at farm level and curbing the sale of stolen rubber and
- iii. To develop a database and profile of rubber smallholders throughout the country and to facilitate the management and distribution of subsidies to rubber smallholders.

The registration card is issued free of charge to all owners and operators of rubber smallholdings. This card not only serves as smallholder identification, but is also LGM's recognition of their contribution to the country's rubber production. The main target groups are smallholders, entrepreneurs, companies and cooperatives that own or operate holdings not exceeding 40.47 hectares and which are now producing rubber.

The usage of this card will be enforced middle of this year. Rubber dealers with valid licenses issued by the LGM are only allowed to buy from rubber smallholders that posses the said card.

Rubber smallholders can apply for the card at LGM Regional Offices, or at the Inspectorate & Enforcement Unit, LGM, 268 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, by bringing a copy of their land grants and Mykad.

