

LEGAL NOTICE No. 346 of 1968

Regulations Issued Pursuant to the Private Forests
Conservation Proclamation No. 226 of 1965.

Issuing Authority

These Regulations are issued by the Minister of Agriculture pursuant to authority vested in him by Articles 5,6 and 8 of the Private Forest Conservation Proclamation No. 226 of 1965.

Short Title

These Regulations may be cited as the "Exploitation of Private Forests Regulations, 1968".

Definitions

In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires, the words: "forest", "forest tree", "forest product," "Minister," "Ministry," "person" and "wildlife" shall have the meaning as set forth in Article 3 of the Private Forest Conservation Proclamation No. 226 of 1965. "Department" shall mean the Forestry Department in the Ministry of Agriculture acting under the authority of the Minister of Agriculture.

Application for Forest Exploitation Permit

- 1) Any person required to have a forest exploitation permit under Article 5 of the Private Forests Conservation Proclamation No. 226 of 1965 shall first submit an application to the Provincial Agricultural Office.
- 2) The application under (1) above shall be accompanied by documents of ownership issued in accordance with Article 1195 of the Civil Code of the Empire of Ethiopia of 1960.

Operation Plan

- 1) No private forest shall be utilized except in conformity with an operation plan prepared in respect of such specific forest and approved by the Ministry.
- 2) Upon an application being submitted under Article 4 above the Forestry Department shall carry on an inspection of the forest and collect the field data necessary for the preparation of the operation plan.

Obligation to Reforest

- 1) No operational plan shall be issued before the person applying for a forest exploitation permit has previously undertaken an obligation to reforest the area to be exploited and to maintain the plantation.
- 2) Any person not complying with his undertakings under Article 6 (1) above shall be obliged to surrender his existing cutting permit. He shall, in addition, not be entitled to another cutting permit.

7. *Exploitation Permit*

The Department shall issue the forest exploitation permit simultaneously with the approval of the operation plan and upon the applicant having undertaken to reforest the area to be exploited and maintain the plantation. Such exploitation permit shall specify parts of the forest to be exploited every year and the amount and types of forest products to be removed.

8. *Marking the Trees for Cutting*

Trees standing on the area for which an operation plan has been approved and a cutting permit issued, can be cut only after they have been marked by the Forestry Department of the Ministry.

9. *Marketing*

All vendors of forest products selling such products under an exploitation permit shall issue to the purchaser proper receipts which should indicate the number of the exploitation permit, and the kind and amount of forest products sold. No person shall utilize process or possess forest products without receipts which indicate the number of the exploitation permit.

10. *Inspection of Cutting Operations*

The Forestry Department shall carry on periodical inspections of the cutting operations.

11. *Records*

Any person exploiting a private forest shall keep an accurate and up-to-date record of such exploitation.

12. *Penal*

Any person violating the provisions of these Regulations or commits any offence under Article 7 of the Private Forests Conservation Proclamation No. 226 of 1965 shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be punished in accordance with the Penal Code.

13. *Effective Date*

These Regulations shall enter into force on the date of their publication in the Negarit Gazeta.

Done at Addis Ababa this 30th day of September 1968.

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