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LEGAL NOTICE NO. 18

THE FORESTS ACT

(Cap. 385)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 15 of the Forests Act, the Minister for Environment makes the following Rules:—

THE FORESTS (SUSPENSION OF TIMBER HARVESTING AND STONE QUARRYING) (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2000

1. These Rules may be cited as the Forests (Suspension of Timber Harvesting and Stone Quarrying) (Amendment) Rules, 2000.
2. The Forests (Suspension of Timber Harvesting and Stone Quarrying) Rules, 1999, in these Rules referred to as the principal Rules, are amended in rule 5—
  - (a) by deleting the words “ninety (90) days from the publication of this notice” appearing in paragraph (1) and substituting therefor the following:

“ninety (90) days in the case of quarrying, and three hundred and sixty (360) days in the case of timber harvesting”.
  - (b) by deleting the words “ninety days as provided” appearing in paragraph (2) and substituting therefor the words “period specified”.
3. The principal Rules are amended by adding at the end thereof the following new Rule:
  6. Upon the revocation of these Rules or the exemption therefrom of any forest area under rule 5 (2), the following conditions shall apply—
    - (a) licences shall only be issued in respect of felling plans approved by the Chief Conservator of Forests.
    - (b) no exploitation or removal of forests produce shall be undertaken without the prior approval by the Chief Conservator of Forests of the royalties payable in respect of that produce.

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(c) no licence shall be issued to any applicant with an unpaid royalty in respect of forest produce exploited or removed under a licence issued prior to the publication of these Rules.

4. The principal Rules are amended in item 1 of the Schedule by inserting the word "indigenous" immediately before the word "forest".

Dated the 4th February, 2000.

FRANCIS NYENZE,  
*Minister for Environment.*