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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS
LA-10A, Sec- III, Kolkata- 106

Office of the Principal Chief
Conservator of Forest, West Bengal (HQFF)
Reg. No. 1887 Law
Case No.
Dated 28/05/19

THE WEST BENGAL FOREST PRODUCE TRANSIT RULES, 2019

NOTIFICATION

No:875/FR/O/FP/6M-11/2014

Date:- 31.05.2019

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 41, 42 and 76 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (16 of 1927), in supersession of the West Bengal Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1959, (issued vide No. 770 For dated 19.10.1959) and Forest Produce Transit Rules for the 24-Parganas Division, 1906 (issued vide No. 2821 For dated 08.11.1906), the Governor is pleased hereby to make the following Rules to regulate the transit of Forest Produce by land, water or air, into, from and within the territory of West Bengal.

1. Short Title and Commencement

1. These rules may be called the West Bengal Forest-Produce Transit Rules, 2019.
2. They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions

1. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - (a) "Act" means the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (16 of 1927);
 - (b) "Depot" means any place, where any forest produce is stored for trading purpose and includes a storage go-down, show room, retail outlet and such other place;
 - (c) "Foreign Transit Permit" means a permission issued by a competent authority of another Country, State or Union territory for movement of forest produce originated from that Country or State or Union territory and its entry in West Bengal;
 - (d) "Forest Produce" means Forest Produce as defined in clause (4) of Sect.2 (4) of the Indian Forest Act, 1927.
 - (e) "Sawmill Rules" means the West Bengal Forest (Establishment and Regulation of Saw Mills and Other Wood-Based Industries) Rules,1982 .
2. All words and expressions used but not defined in these Rules shall have meaning respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. Import, export, removal and transport of forest produce

1. No Forest Produce shall be moved into, from or within the State of West Bengal without except under the cover of Transit Pass, either in physical or electronic form, as may be notified by the Forest Department, issued from an officer of the Forest Directorate not below the rank of Deputy Ranger duly authorised by the Divisional Forest Officer to issue the same, and in accordance with the conditions of such Transit Pass.

2. However, Forest Department, may, by Notification, exempt the requirement of Transit Pass for Forest Produce obtained from certain species or for certain local areas within the state.
3. No Person shall conceal any timber or forest produce during transport. Any reasonable cover or packaging may be used to protect the forest produce from inclement weather but it must not be concealing in nature.
4. All forest-Produce to which these rules apply, and any cart, vehicle, boat, or other vessel carrying or suspected of carrying the same, shall be liable to stoppage by any Forest Officer or Police Officer for the purpose of examination and check.
5. The Transit Pass, either in physical or electronic form as specified, must accompany the forest produce during transport and has to be produced by the person possessing or in-charge of such forest produce, on demand by any forest officer or police officer.
6. The period of the day for movement of forest produce within the state may be regulated by the Forest Department through notification as necessary.

4. Foreign Transit Permit

1. All forest produce imported into the State of West Bengal shall be covered by a certified document issued by the Forest Department or any competent authority of that Country or State or Union Territory, from which the forest produce is exported. These documents may be referred to as a "Foreign Transit Permit" and shall be produced to the Divisional Forest Officer of the Division through which the forest produce shall enter the state at the first instance.
2. The concerned Divisional forest Officer will allow for a Transit Pass to be issued in accordance with these Rules, against the Foreign Transit Permit, after due and reasonable verification of its origin.
3. In case of forest produce not being imported into the State and only transiting through to another State or Country, the final destination being clearly mentioned in the Foreign Transit Permit, the concerned Divisional Forest Officer will endorse the same with proper official seal of authority.
4. The movement of the Forest Produce within the state and entry into or exit from the state may be regulated by check posts established by the order of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, HoFF from time to time.

5. Government Mark

All forest produce, especially timbers (including round wood billets of and above 15 cm diameter at thick end and 90 cm length, which are also fit for purposes other than fire-wood), while on transit within the State should bear the prescribed West Bengal Forest Department Mark either in Physical or electronic form, issued by notification of Forest Department.

6. Fees

1. Fees for transit passes in respect of different items of forest-produce be levied in accordance with rates as specified in the Schedule appended to these rules.

2. It shall be within the competence of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, HoFF, subject to the approval of Government, to regulate the movement of certain kinds of forest-produce in short supply from the State.
3. Any sum due and payable to the Forest Directorate, Government of West Bengal, as prescribed in this Rule, and any penalties, shall be realized at the nearest forest office.

7. **Miscellaneous**

There shall be no closing or obstructing of any river, stream or channel or the bank of any river, stream or channel used or capable of being used for the transit of forest-produce; nor there shall be any stoppage of navigation on such rivers, streams and channels for such transit.

8. **Penalty**

The Forest Department may institute legal proceeding for the contravention of these rules under section 42 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927.

By Order of the Governor
Sd./-
(Indevar Pandey, IAS)
Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

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The Managing Director, Saraswati Pres Ltd, 11, B.T. Road, Belgharia, Kolkata- 700056.- he is requested to publish this Notification in Extraordinary Kolkata Gazette immediately for greater public interest and supply 50 copies of the same to this Department for official use.

Sd/-


Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

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Date:- 31.05.2019

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6. Sr. P.A to ACS, Forests
7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, WB
8. The MD, WB Forest Development Corporation Ltd.


Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

No 3261 /CS /Law/7R-2(848)/2014

Dated 08 .07.2019

Copy forwarded for information and taking necessary action to:-

1. All Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal.
2. The Managing Director, West Bengal Forest Development Corporation.
3. The Member Secretary, West Bengal Zoo Authority.
4. The Chief Project Director, West Bengal Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Project.
5. All Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal.
6. All Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal.

(N.B. The CCF/MIS & e-governance, West Bengal is requested to upload it in the website of the Forest Department.)

7. The Managing Director, West Bengal Waste Land Development Corporation.
8. All Conservator of Forests, West Bengal.
9. All Divisional Forest Officer, West Bengal.
10. All Deputy Field Director, West Bengal.

(Tapas Das, IFS)
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Public Grievance, Law & Information,
West Bengal.

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FORM OF TRANSIT PASS

1. Buyer's name:
2. Address of the Buyer:
3. Quantity, Number and Description of the Forest Produce:
4. Destination:
5. Route of the movement:
6. Date of issuance of transit pass (forenoon/afternoon):
7. Expiry date of the transit pass (forenoon/afternoon):
8. Place from where the forest produce is procured:
9. Owner of the place from where the forest produce is procured:
10. Government Mark used in the timber:

Annexure to the Notification No- No:875/FR/O/FP/6M-11/2014, Date:- 31.05.2019

**SCHEDULE
FEE FOR TRANSIT PASS
(See Rule 6)**

SL. NO	Item	Unit	Fee (Rs.)
			Transit Pass
	Timber, Boulders, Charcoal		
1	Timber including Open General Licence & Veneer	M ³	100.00
2	Fire Wood	M ³ Stacked volume	50.00
3	Poles	100 Poles	250.00
4	Red Sanders Wood	M ³	500.00
5	Boulders, where applicable	M ³	20.00
6	Charcoal	MT	100.00
7	Other Timber Produce	M ³	100.00
	Non Timber Forest Produce		
8	Cane	Bundle of 100	20.00
9	Any other NTFP not specified above	Kg	5.00


Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal