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THE FORESTRY REGULATIONS, 1990

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 32 of the Forestry Act, 1988 the Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Forestry hereby makes the following regulations:-

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Commencement.

1. These regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of July, 1990.

Interpretation.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—
"Act" means the Forestry Act No. 7 of 1988.

"afforestation" means, establishment of a forest cover in non-forest area;

"agroforestry" means system of land-use management which combines woody vegetation with crops, and or animals.

"Chief Conservator" has the same meaning as in the Act;

"Classified Forest" has the same meaning as in the Act;

"clearance licence" means a licence issued under Regulations 15 (2) to clear land in a classified forest for the purpose of road construction, prospecting, mining or to plant trees or agricultural crops thereon;

"Community forest" has the same meaning as in the Act;

"fuelwood" means any part of woody plant used as a source of energy for purposes such as cooking, heating or power production;

"grazing licence" means a licence issued under Regulation 16 (2) to graze animals in a national forest;

"licensing officer" means, in respect to any area or kind of licence,

- a forest officer designated by the Chief Conservator to be a licensing officer for such area or kind of licence, or, if no such forestry officer has been designated the Chief Conservator;
- "minor forest produce " means the produce listed in the six schedule;
- "minor forest produce licence" means a licence issued under Regulation 17(2) to take minor forest produce from a national forest;
- "Re-forestation" means the re-establishment of forest cover;
- "sawn-timber" means any tree sawn to any dimensions with or without wane;
- "stumpage fee" means fee payable in respect of the value of timber as it stands uncut in a forest;
- "timber licence " means a licence issued under Regulation 12 (2) to fell and extract timber in a national forest;
- "unclassified forest" means forest that is not part of the government estate and is neither a community forest nor Game Sanctuary or declared area;
- "Village Forest Association" means an association of persons resident in a forest area which has been formed for purpose of managing that forest area as a community forest.
- "Woodfuel" means fuelwood, charcoal and crop residues or any other form of fuel derived from them;

PART II—FOREST ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

3. (1) In pursuance of the provisions of Section 3 of the Act before any unclassified forest areas under private ownership is brought under industrial exploitation or any other form of forest exploitation a management plan shall be prepared by the owners or custodians for the approval of the Chief Conservator of Forests. Management.

(2) All such Management Plans prepared as a result of the provisions under these regulations shall meet the requirement set out in section 8 of the Act.

(3) Where an unclassified forest area or forest under private ownership was already under industrial or any other form of forest exploitation before the coming into effect of the Act, the owners or custodians shall cause to be prepared within six months of the coming into effect of these regulations a Management Plan in fulfilment of the provisions of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 3 of these regulations.

Inventory.

4. (1) The management of any company, firm or corporation or any person who has been granted a concession in any unclassified or private forest shall cause to be conducted on the approval of the Chief Conservator a hundred percent stock inventory of the Forest Resources within the area of the concession or permit and shall make results available to the Chief Conservator and if before the coming into force of these regulations such permit or concession had already been granted the same shall apply.

(2) The results of all inventory conducted as a result of these regulations shall be submitted to the Chief Conservator and such inventory shall be conducted to meet the requirements outline by the Chief Conservator.

Forest Products Returns.

5. (1) All companies, firms or corporations or any person involved in Forest exploitation in a classified or inclassified forest, shall be required to submit to the Chief Conservator before the 3rd day of every month Forest Products Returns in the form prescribed in the Fourteenth Schedule of these regulations.

(2) The operations of companies, firms, corporations or person who fail to submit returns as provided in this regulation shall be suspended by the Minister until all returns that are in arrears are made good.

Annual Information on area exploited.

6. All companies, firms, corporations or any person involved in forest exploitation shall provide the Chief Conservator annually information on the total area exploited or logged during the preceding year, together with a map showing such area and logging progress.

Felling Block Demarcation.

7. Holders of a concession agreement or licence to fell and extract timber, upon the grant of a concession or timber licence or entering into an agreement to fell and extract timber in a private forest or unclassified forests, outside the jurisdiction of the Forestry Division, such concessionaire or permit holder shall cause the concession or forest area to be demarcated into blocks and felling compartments as shall be determined by the Chief Conservator not later than six months of the grant of the concession or licence or of the coming into effect of these regulations.

Submission of logging plans for unclassified forests.

8. (1) Every concessionaire or licensee or permit holder operating in areas outside the jurisdiction of the Forestry Division shall be required to submit annual logging plans to the Chief Conservator for approval before the beginning of the new year's operations not later than the 1st day of February in every year. Such logging plans shall, amongst other things, specify—

- (a) the blocks or block proposed for logging for the year.
- (b) the system of felling to be employed in felling compartment and the minimum girth limits where selection felling is employed.

(c) the sequence of working felling compartments.

(2) It shall be an offence to carry on operations in an unclassified forest or private forest without a current logging plan approved by the Chief Conservator.

9. Where for any reason the minimum girths have not been stated in a concession agreement or management plan or licence, the following girth limits shall apply both to classified and unclassified forests—

	Selection Felling Area		Clear felling Area		
	Imperial Metric		Imperial	Metric	
Herrichtera utilis	... 5 ft.	1.52m	All species	4 ft	1.22m
All other species	... 6 ft.	1.83m			

Minimum girth limits

PART III—FEES

10. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision in these regulations a licensing fee shall be paid in respect of any licence issued under these regulations as follows—

Timber Licence ...	...	Le100.00 per annum
Minor Forest Produce Licence...	...	100.00 per annum
Fuelwood Transport Permit ...	...	200.00 per annum
Protected Tree Licence ...	...	20.00 per tree
Clearance Licence Fee ...	...	50.00 per acre
Fuelwood Production Fee ...	...	600.00 per cord

Fees.

(2) A forest stumpage fee shall be payable at the rate set out in the Fifth Schedule in respect of all merchantable timber felled or extracted in any national forests.

(3) In pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 17 of the Act, Forest Royalties shall be payable to land owners or chiefdom administration at the rate set out in the Fifth Schedule in respect of all merchantable timber felled or extracted in any national Forest, Community Forest or unclassified or private forests.

(4) The distribution of royalties shall be fifty per centum to the land owners, forty per centum to the chiefdom administration and ten per centum to the Paramount Chief

(5) A reforestation fee shall be payable at the rate set out in the Fifth Schedule.

(6) A training fee shall be payable at the rate set out in the Fifth Schedule.

(7) A minor forest produce fee shall be payable at the rates set out in the Sixth Schedule in respect of all minor forest produce taken in a national forest.

(8) A grazing fee shall be payable at the rates set out in the Seventh Schedule in respect of all animals allowed to graze in a national forest.

(9) The forest stumpage fee at the rate set out in the Fifth Schedule for non-commercial or other species, the training fee and the reforestation fee shall be payable in respect of all timber of species classes I, II and III which has become unmerchantable through no fault or neglect of any person required by these regulations to pay any such fee, to the extent that such timber remains merchantable as fuel.

(10) Any person who wilfully or negligently damages or destroys any merchantable timber shall bear the same obligations under these regulations and any applicable licence, contract of sale or concession agreement as if such timber had been felled or extracted in merchantable condition.

(11) All fees and Royalties shall be adjusted annually to accommodate for inflation and other market fluctuations according to the following formula—

$$\text{Current Royalties} \times 1 + \frac{\text{Current Selling Price for 1 cu. ft.} - \text{Previous Selling Price for 1 cu. ft.}}{\text{Previous Selling Price for 1 cu. ft.}}$$

(12) For the purposes of carrying out the provisions in subregulation (11) of this regulation a survey of timber prices shall be carried out by the Chief Conservator prior to making adjustments and all logging companies and sawmills shall be required to submit audited accounts to the Chief Conservator against the last day of February in each year.

PART IV — GENERAL LICENSING PROVISIONS

Applica-
tion for
Licence.

11. (1) All applications for licences under these regulations shall be submitted, together with any required fee, to the licensing officer in respect of the area and kind of licence for which such applications are made.

24 A licensing officer, in issuing any licence under these regulations, shall impose, by entering therein, such conditions as he may consider proper to effectuate any applicable forest management plan. Conditions.

(3) All licences, permits and registers issued under or required by these regulations shall be shown upon demand to any forest officer. Licences to be produced on demand.

PART V—TIMBER LICENCE

12. (1) Upon application in the form set out in the First Schedule, a licensing officer may issue a licence to fell and extract timber in a national forest under the following conditions— Issue of timber of licence.

- (a) that the area covered by the licence from which timber shall be extracted does not exceed 640 acres;
- (b) either that the applicant is an inhabitant of the Chiefdom in which the timber is situated or that the applicant is in the Chiefdom Council of the Chiefdom in which the timber is situated and requires the timber for public purposes;
- (c) that the amount of fees estimated by the licensing officer to be due for the first ninety days of operations have been paid;
- (d) that the grant of the licence would be consistent with any applicable forest management plan and licensing instructions.

but otherwise the licensing officer shall refuse to issue the licence and shall return any fees which have been paid in respect thereof.

(2) A timber licence shall be in the form set out in the Eighth Schedule.

13. (1) A timber licence shall be subject to the following conditions, in addition to any other conditions that may be specified in the licence— Conditions and fees.

- (a) only trees of the species and sizes specified in the licence shall be felled;
- (b) no tree shall be felled until it has been marked for felling by a forestry officer;
- (c) a register shall be maintained in which are recorded

each day the species, and scaling data of each tree felled, damaged or destroyed by the licensee;

- (d) no tree shall be moved from the place where it has been felled until it has been marked by a forest officer;
- (e) no timber felled under a timber licence may be sold except after processing into lumber, fuelwood or such other product as is specified in the licence;
- (f) the holder of a timber licence shall submit to the Chief Conservator before the 3rd day of the month, following felling operations monthly returns of roundwood production sawn wood or other products produced in accordance with the regulation 5.

(2) A timber licence shall be subject to payment of the forest severance fees, royalties and reforestation fees calculated in accordance with the provisions of regulation 10.

(3) Any licensee who fells timber in excess of the quantity permitted by his licence and for which the trees have been paid shall be required to pay the fee in respect of such excess at ten times the rates prescribed in regulation 10.

(4) Any licensee who fells or damages timber that is not marked for felling shall be liable to pay the fee in respect of damaged or felled timber at ten times the rates prescribed in the regulations.

PART VI—OTHER LICENCES

Protected tree Licence. 14. (1) Upon application in the form set out in the Second Schedule, a licensing officer may issue a licence to fell and extract a protected tree, subject to such conditions as he may enter in the licence.

(2) A protected tree licence shall be in the form set out in the Ninth Schedule.

(3) A protected tree licence shall be subject to the payment of such fees as may be specified therein.

Clearance Licence. 15. (1) Upon application in the form set out in the Third Schedule, a licensing officer may issue a licence authorising the holder to clear land in a classified forest for the purpose of road construction, prospecting, mining or to plant trees or agricultural crops thereon.

(2) A clearance licence shall be in the form set out in the Tenth Schedule.

(3) A clearance licence shall be subject to the following conditions in addition to such other conditions as the licensing officer may enter therein:

- (a) a clearance licence issued under these regulations only permits the licensee to remove vegetative matter or trees within the licenced area that required removal in respect of the purposes for which the clearance licence had been applied for;
- (b) the area specified in the licence shall be cleared within the time stated in the licence, except that such trees as are required to be left standing shall not be removed or in any way damaged;
- (c) except for areas where clear felling is authorised, all trees to be felled shall be marked by a forestry officer before felling;
- (d) the forest severance fee and the minor forest produce fee calculated in accordance with regulation 10 shall be paid in respect of all merchantable forest produce which may be removed from the area compatibly with the authorised clearing operations.
- (e) except for clearance licence issued with respect to road construction, the area shall be replanted at the completion of the cleared operations with approved crops and trees by the licensee or this provision can be fulfilled by payment of the estimated reforestation costs.
- (f) methods of cultivation and silviculture specified in the licence or required from time to time by the Chief Conservator shall be employed.

(4) A clearance licence issued by the Chief Conservator shall also be required for any forest clearing outside a classified forest.

16. (1) Upon request, a licensing officer may issue a licence to graze animals in a national forest, subject to the payment of the fees set out in the Seventh Schedule in respect of the number and kind of animals permitted by the licence to be grazed.

Grazing
Licence

(2) A grazing licence shall be in the form set out in the Eleventh Schedule.

(3) A grazing licence shall be valid for such period not exceeding one year as may be stated therein.

(4) A grazing licence shall be subject to the following conditions, that the licensing officer may enter therein:

(a) only the number and kind of animals stated in the licence shall be permitted to enter a national forest;

(b) no animal shall be permitted to enter any area of national forest or to pass through a national forest by any route, other than the areas and routes stated in the licence.

Minor forest produce licence.

17. (1) Upon request, a licensing officer may issue a licence to take minor forest produce from a national forest, subject to the payment of the fees set out in the Sixth Schedule in respect of the entire amount of minor forest produce permitted by the licence to be taken.

(2) A minor forest produce licence shall be in the form set out in the Twelfth Schedule.

(3) A minor forest produce licence shall be valid for such period not exceeding one year or as may be stated therein.

(4) A minor forest produce licence shall be subject to the following conditions, in addition to any other conditions that the licensing officer may specify therein—

(a) only the kind and quantity of minor forest produce stated in the licence may be taken ;

(b) minor forest produce shall be taken only from the locations stated in the licence.

PART VII-- WOODFUEL TRANSPORT PERMITS

Permit required.

18. No person shall transport more than one hundred kilograms of fuelwood or fifty kilograms of charcoal in a single load except under the authority of a permit issued under regulation 19.

Fuelwood transport permit.

19. (1) Upon application in the form set out in the Fourth Schedule and the payment of a licensing fee of fifty leones per quarter, a licensing officer may issue a permit to transport fuelwood or charcoal.

(2) A permit to transport fuelwood or charcoal shall be in the form set out in the Thirteenth Schedule.

(3) A permit to transport fuelwood or charcoal shall be valid for such period not exceeding one year as may be stated therein provided payment is on a quarterly basis.

(4) A permit to transport fuelwood or charcoal shall be subject to the following conditions, in addition to any other conditions that the licensing officer may enter therein —

(a) the permit holder may only transport fuelwood acquired from persons and in places specified in the permit.

(b) the permit holder shall maintain a register in which shall be recorded the quantity and sources of all fuelwood transported daily.

20. No person shall produce charcoal except under the authority of a permit.

Restriction on Charcoal production.

21. (1) Upon application in the form set out in the Eighteenth Schedule and stating whether for export or domestic use and the payment of a licence fee of fifty leones per burn of not more than two cords of fuelwood, a licensing officer may issue a permit to produce charcoal.

Conditions for Charcoal production.

(2) A permit to produce charcoal for local use shall be in the form set out in the Sixteenth Schedule and shall be valid for only one burn.

(3) Upon application to produce more than two cords intake per kiln the licensee shall pay the following fees —

<i>Cords</i>	<i>Le</i>
3-55 ...	200.00
5-20 ...	500.00
Over 20 ...	1,500

(4) Permit for kilns larger than 5 cords per charge can only be issued in a fuelwood surplus area as determined by the Chief Conservator.

(5) Approved reforestation measures shall be undertaken by the charcoal producer or wood supplier in the area under charcoal production.

22. (1) No person shall export charcoal except under authority of a permit.

Restriction on export of charcoal

(2) Upon application in the form set out in the Nineteenth Schedule and payment of a licence fee of five hundred leones per ton a licensing officer may issue a permit to export charcoal as set out in the Fifteenth Schedule.

PART VIII—SALES

Method
of sale:

23. (1) The Chief Conservator may sell the produce of any national forest to the extent that such produce is not subject to any prior concession, contract of sale, licence or confirmed usage right.

(2) The sale may be conducted either by auction or by private agreement. The sale shall be based on a bonus, either by bid or negotiated per hoppus foot or per cubic metre in addition to the regular fees and royalties paid.

(3) The contract of sale may be executed by a licensing officer, subject to the following conditions and such additional procedures and instructions as the Chief Conservator may establish—

(a) where standing timber is the produce in question, the area which shall be the subject of such sale shall not be more than ten square miles or 6,400 acres;

(b) the total stumpage value, if it is timber or prevailing market value in the case of other forest produce shall be assessed and shall serve as the basis of contract sale negotiation or the minimum bid amount if the produce is auctioned;

(c) the intention to execute such contract sales shall be published in the *Sierra Leone Gazette* and at least two local news papers stating the area, location, the estimated quantity of produce and the minimum bid or proposal, thirty clear days before the sale is executed.

Calcula-
tion of
price.

24. (1) The final price of sale under regulation 23 shall in no case be less than the total amount of fees that may be payable if such produce were disposed of under a licence.

(2) In the case of sales of felled timber suitable, for processing, construction or fuel uses, if the sale is not conducted by auction, the price shall not be less than the prevailing market price per cubic meter round wood under bark in the locality for timber suitable for such use.

(3) Where the period of operations permitted by the contract of

sale exceeds one year, the contract shall provide a method for adjusting the price for each succeeding year.

25. (1) The agreed price under a contract of sale shall be paid Payments.
in instalments equal to such amount as the Chief Conservator shall estimate to be due in respect of operations in the ninety days following such payment.

(2) At any time that the quantity of forest produce felled taken or extracted exceeds the quantity in respect of which an instalment on the price has been paid, no further operations shall be conducted until the instalment estimated by the Chief Conservator to be due for the following ninety-day period shall be paid.

(3) Any person who fells, takes or extracts any forest produce in excess of the quantity permitted by a contract of sale and for which an instalment as defined in paragraph (1) has been paid shall be required to pay ten times the price agreed in the contract of sale in respect of such excess.

26. (1) A contract of sale shall be subject to the following Condition of sale.
conditions in addition to any other conditions that may be stated therein--

(a) only trees of the species and sizes specified in the contract shall be cut.

(b) a register shall be maintained by the contractor in which shall be recorded each day the species, and scaling data of each tree cut, damaged or destroyed;

(c) no tree shall be moved from the place where it has been felled until it has been marked by a forest officer;

(d) a copy of the contract of sale and the register required under paragraph (b) shall be produced for inspection whenever requested by a forest officer.

(e) failure to fell trees under the terms of a contract of sale shall be an offence under Part IV of these regulations.

(2) If standing timber is sold, the contract of sale shall provide for the following--

- (a) the location, species and quantity of timber sold.
- (b) the time and methods of cutting and extraction.
- (c) the end use of the timber;
- (d) a reforestation plan.

Validity of contract. 27. (1) A contract of sale shall be valid for such period not exceeding five years as may be stated therein:

(2) For every Contract of Sale a Performance Bond of ten thousand leones shall be required as a guarantee for the finely execution of the contract of sale.

(3) No operation may be undertaken after the period of validity stated in the contract of sale.

PART IX—CONCESSIONS

Tenders. 28. (1) When the Chief Conservator considers that an area of national production forest may be exploited under a utilization or plantation concession, he shall invite tenders for concession agreement proposals to be submitted in such form and by such closing date as he may determine subject to the following conditions.

(a) that the area offered for a utilization concession is not less than 10 square miles or the total round wood yield or allowable cut estimated for the area is over 2,500 cubic meters per year;

(b) that the boundaries of the concession have been established and demarcated on the ground and delineated in forestry division maps by the Chief Conservator;

(c) tenders for concessions shall be in the form of a bonus bid per cubic meter in addition to regular fees and royalties.

(2) Not less than thirty days prior to the closing date for the submission of tenders, a notice inviting tenders shall be published in the *Sierra Leone Gazette* and in at least one newspaper published in Sierra Leone and in such other manner in Sierra Leone and abroad as the Chief Conservator may determine, and shall be exhibited at the office of the Chief Conservator.

(3) General information on the conditions of the concession and of the tender shall be made available at the office of the Chief Conservator.

(4) Each tender shall be accompanied by a fee to be determined by the Chief Conservator to reflect the cost of administering this regulation.

(5) The Chief Conservator may at his discretion accept or reject any tender.

(6) The acceptance of any tender shall be subject to the tender's performance of any conditions stated in the invitation to tender, as well as to such financial guarantees and evidence of the tender's competence and fitness as the Chief Conservator may require. The acceptance of any tender may be revoked if within one hundred and eighty days thereafter the tenderer has not entered into a concession agreement with the Minister, or at any time that any information supplied by the tenderer is found to be false or misleading.

29. (1) Except as provided by Section 16 of the Act with respect to forest plantation concessions, all felling and extraction of timber pursuant to a concession agreement shall be subject to the payment of the forest stumpage, royalties, reforestation and training fees calculated in accordance with regulation 10, in addition to such other fees and payments as shall be stipulated in the concession agreement as representing, together with the fees stated in this regulation the fair value of the timber.

(2) Where the holder of any forest concession takes minor forest produce he shall pay the fee established in regulation 10 and such other payments as shall be stipulated in the concession agreement as representing, together with such fee, the fair value of the minor forest produce.

30. Payments under a concession agreement shall be made quarterly in advance, based on the estimated quantity and kind of forest produce to be felled, taken or extracted. The amounts actually due shall be calculated according to the forest produce actually felled, taken or extracted, and adjustments shall be made with respect to each quarter within five days following the conclusion of the quarter.

PART X—GENERAL UTILIZATION CONDITIONS

31. No person shall prepare or use for fuel any timber or species listed in classes I and II of the Fifth Schedule which is in merchantable condition.

32. The Chief Conservator shall draw up and cause to be published and incorporated in every concession agreement, forest utilization standards applicable to all forest areas within the country and provide incentives for the adherence to those standards.

Forest
utilisation
standards.

Review of utilization standards.

33. Every twelve months the Chief Conservator of Forests shall review and cause to be published changes or modifications made on utilization standards as a result of the review.

34. In addition to whatever incentives that may be stipulated by the Chief Conservator under the authority of these regulations the following are made incentives—

(a) in areas where clear felling is prescribed by management plan or authorised by the Chief Conservator, all timber taken that is below a girth of four feet shall be liable to payment of only fifty per centum of all fees normally paid;

(b) all woody material regarded as logging waste or that would otherwise not have been taken but that is taken for conversion into a forest product, shall be liable to payment of only fifty per centum of all fees normally paid if the wood was sound:

Forest products returns.

35. Any industry that is based on the utilization of round wood or other forest product shall report their round wood intake and product output monthly against the 3rd day of every month to the Chief Conservator in the form set out in the Fourteenth Schedule.

Chief conservator to be on every board.

36. The Chief Conservator shall be represented on every Board of Directors of any company or body corporate which exploits National Forests.

PART XI—GENERAL PROTECTION

General Protection.

37. The Chief Conservator shall every five years draw up a list of areas within the country where the practice of the bush fallow method of cultivation will lead to permanent ecological damage and cause the Minister to declare these areas protected areas. The criteria for determining areas to be so listed shall be in accordance with the following—

(a) elevation above sea level and slope gradient;

(b) soil stability and susceptibility to the forces of erosion;

(c) preservation of genetic diversity and uniqueness of forest or other biomes.

Prohibition on clearing forests on stream banks.

38. No land between high and low watermarks nor any lands above the high water mark at the bank of both sides of waterways (Rivers and large streams) extending a distance of one hundred feet shall be farmed or cleared of any vegetation, nor shall any tree or vegetation be removed from these areas without a clearance licence from the Chief Conservator or an officer deputed by him.

39. No plant shall be exported from Sierra Leone except under the authority of a Flora Export permit issued in the form prescribed in the Seventeenth Schedule by the Chief conservator for not more than ten species and a total of one hundred specimen at a time and except subject to a phytosanitary certificate.

Export of
wild flora.

40. No tree or vegetation shall be removed from areas abandoned as sacred bush except under the authority of a clearance licence issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests.

Sacred bush
areas.

PART XII—COMMUNITY FORESTS

41. For any agency, body corporate, or person other than the Forestry Division to manage forest areas classified as community forests or Game Sanctuaries, the Chief Conservator shall be satisfied of the competence of the agency or body corporate or person and shall give his approval in writing before the commencement of such management.

Community
forests.

42. Village Forest Associations shall be recognised as the rural institutions through which community forests may be developed.

Village
forest
Associa-
tions.

43. (1) All technical and financial assistance for community forestry development shall be directed to the Village Forest Association within the target area.

technical and
financial
assistance for
community
forestry.

(2) To qualify for financial assistance from Government, Village Forest Associations shall have established an agro-forestry demonstration plot to the satisfaction of the Chief Conservator within one of its community forest areas.

44. The Chief Conservator shall keep a register of all Village Forest Associations formed within the country and may make rules and regulations for the running of Village Forest Associations.

Register and
regulations
for Village
forest
Associations.

PART XIII—REFORESTATION FUND

45. The Reforestation Fund established under section 4 of the Act shall be subject to the following conditions—

Reforestation.

(a) against the 31st day of January every year, the Chief Conservator shall submit to the Minister a

statement of account providing a balance sheet showing payments made in respect of reimbursements for reforestation in accordance with section 17 of the Act, expenditure, regarding reforestation undertaken by the Forestry Division and purchases for vehicles, machinery, etc., made from the fund during the year;

- (b) all payments and amounts credited to the account shall be reconciled with the bank where the account is lodged against the 5th day of every month;
- (c) all donations and contributions made to the Forestry Division in respect of National Tree Planting Day or reforestation in general or any other donations shall be paid into the reforestation Fund;
- (d) training fees and other levies shall be paid into the reforestation fund and accounted for separately.
- (e) fifty per centum of all bonus bids from sales or concessions shall be paid into the reforestation fund.
- (f) the Chief conservator shall invest moneys from the Fund, which is not on immediate demand, in any enterprise concerned with reforestation in the private sector which in his judgement shall yield dividend and at the same time increase the area under forests.
- (g) no payment shall be made from the reforestation fund in respect of reimbursements for reforestation done in accordance with section 17 of the Act before at least seventy-five per centum of the area planted for which such payments are to be made has closed canopy.

PART XI V — OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

- Offences and penalties. 46. (1) Any person who violates the terms of any licence issued under these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than two thousand leones and not exceeding ten thousand leones, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) Any person who transports more than one hundred of fuelwood or fifty kilograms of charcoal in a single load than under the authority of a permit issued under regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not less than two thousand leones and not exceeding ten thousand leones or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(3) Any person who transports more than one hundred of fuelwood or kilograms of charcoal in a single load without recording such fuelwood in the register required by regulation 19 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not less than one thousand leones and not exceeding ten thousand leones or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(4) Any person who violates any condition of a permit to transport fuelwood shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not less than one thousand leones and not exceeding five thousand leones or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(5) Any person who fails to record any information required by regulations to be recorded and any person who makes a false statement of such information, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not less than five thousand leones and not exceeding twenty thousand leones or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(6) Any person who contrary to these regulations, refuses to make available for inspection by a forest officer any licence, register or other document required under these regulations, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than five thousand leones and not exceeding twenty thousand leones or to imprisonment not exceeding three years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(7) Any person who makes any false or misleading statement in connection with an application, tender or offer for any permit, concession or contract of sale under the regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than five thousand leones and not exceeding twenty five thousand leones or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(8) Any person who violates any of the conditions of these regulations or refuses to comply therewith shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than five thousand leones and not exceeding ten thousand leones or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(9) The penalties, fees and other charges and the regulations shall be subject to periodic reviews or otherwise as required.

(10) Any person who compounds any offence under the Act or these regulations by accepting more or lesser sum than that prescribed under the law shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than two thousand leones but not exceeding five thousand leones or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(11) Any person who fails to fell any tree in compliance with the terms of a contract of sale under these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than two thousand leones and not exceeding five years or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

FIRST SCHEDULE
APPLICATION FOR A TIMBER LICENCE

Name and address of applicant

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Timber to be felled and extracted:

Species or Species class	Number of trees or volume
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Location.....

Proposed date of commencement..... and completion.....

End use of timber:

Name and address of sawmill, other processor or purchaser.....

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Equipment to be used for logging.....

for sawing or processing.....

.....

(Date) (Signature of Applicant)

SECOND SCHEDULE
APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO FELL A PROTECTED TREE

Name and address of applicant.....

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Person or persons from whom fuel is to be or has been acquired.....
.....
Quantity to be transported..... per month..... total.....
Proposed date of commencement..... and completion.....
.....
(Date) (Signature of Applicant)

FIFTH SCHEDULE
RATES OF FEES AND ROYALTIES

Leones per Cubic Metre

<i>Le/m³ Stumpage Fee</i>	<i>Royalty</i>	<i>Re-Foresta- tion Fee</i>	<i>Training Fee</i>	<i>Total Charge</i>	
RECOMMENDED:					
Class 1: 300	200	700	70	1,270	
Class 2 220	150	700	70	1,140	
Class 3: and all others	80	40	700	70	890

SPECIES AND CLASSES

Class I—HIGH VOLUME COMMERCIAL SPECIES

<i>Scientific Name</i>	<i>Vernacular Name</i>
<i>Terminalia ivorensis</i>	Bajii
<i>Brachystegia Leonensis</i>	Bojei
<i>Nauclea diderrichii</i>	Bundui
<i>Tieghemella Heckelii</i>	Gofilei
<i>Mamea africana</i>	Kaikombei
<i>Anisophyllea species</i>	Kantii 5/ (Kaudu) 6/
<i>Khaya species</i>	Khayan-jilei(Njilei)
<i>Terminalia superba</i>	Kojaagei
<i>Calpo calyx brevibracteatus</i>	Kolei
<i>Uapaca guineensis</i>	Kondii
<i>Oldfieldia africana</i>	Kpaolai
<i>Azelia africana</i>	Kpende-lelii 7/
<i>Detarium senegalense</i>	Kpuyai (Gbuyai)
<i>Bridelia species</i>	Kui
<i>Nesogordonia papaverifera</i>	Majaagei
<i>Mitragyna stipulosa</i>	Mboi
<i>Piptadeniastrum africanum</i>	Mbele-gulei (Mbelei)
<i>Guarea cedrata</i>	Njawa-njilei
<i>Erythropheleum species</i>	Ngobei

<i>Scientific Name</i>					<i>Vernacular Name</i>
Entandrophragma species	...	...	...	...	Ngelei
Cordia platytrsa	...	...	...	...	Pulii
Chloropohra regia	...	...	...	...	Semei
Fagara species	...	...	...	...	So-wuti
Lovoa trichiliodes	...	...	...	...	Wusumei
Hentiera utilis	...	...	...	...	Yawii

Class II—MEDIUM VALUE COMMERCIAL SPECIES

<i>Scientific Name</i>					<i>Vernacular Name</i>
Canarium Schweinfurthii	...	...	...	...	Billi (Mbili)
Erythroxylum manii	...	...	...	...	Bimini
Hannoa klaineana	...	...	...	...	Bovui
Anthenotha fragrans (Chrysophyllum delevoiyi)	...	...	...	...	Duangulei
Albizia ferruginea	...	...	...	...	Gano-kpakpei
Copaifera salikounda	...	...	...	...	Gbeesei-kai
Parkia bicolor	...	...	...	...	Gumui
Newtonia duparquetiana	...	...	...	...	Hele-lahei
Lophira alata	...	...	...	...	Hendui
Bussea occidentalis	...	...	...	...	Hilei I (Helei)
Pycnanthus angolensis	...	...	...	...	Kpoyei (Gboyei)
Aubrevillea kerstingii	...	...	...	...	Langoi
Newtonia aubrevillei (Cyclicodiscus gabonensis)	...	...	...	...	Mbele-teti
Parinari excelsa	...	...	...	...	Ndawei
Berlinia species (confusa)	...	...	...	...	Sakpei
Chrysophyllum species	...	...	...	...	Teyei (Bunjii)
Didelotia idae	...	...	...	...	Timer O (Iabejei)
Didelotia afzelii	...	...	...	...
Antiaris species	...	...	...	...	Vawii
Omelina arborea	...	...	...	...	Yemani
Daniellia thurifera	...	...	...	...	Gbesei

Class III—AND ALL OTHERS

<i>Scientific Name</i>					<i>Vernacular Name</i>
Discoglyprena caloneura	...	...	...	...	Povui-hii (Gbovuo-hini)
Ongoeka gore	...	...	...	...	Bui (Gbui)
Cola lateritia	...	...	...	...	Bunei

<i>Scientific Name</i>	<i>Vernacular Name</i>
Pentaclethra macrophylla	Fawei (Faa Fa-wuli)
Albizia zygia	Folo-Kpakpei
Antrocaryon micraster	Gbanduei
Berlinia occidentalis	Gbehon (Sakpei)
Danielia ogea	Gbesei-mani
Cryptosepalum tetraphyllum	Kpavii
Amphimas pterocarpoides	Jombi wuli (Njembe-wuli)
Alstonia boonci	Kola-wuli (Kului)
Tetrapleura teraptera	Kekendui
Octoknema borealis	Kotu-wuli
Carapa procera	Ko wei (kevei)
Albizia adianthifolia	Kpakpa-ghogboi
Azelia bracteata	Kpende-gulei
Ricinodendron heudelotii	Kpo (Kpolei, Gbelei)
Anopyxis Klaineana	Kpomui
Sacoglottis gabonensis	Kpo-wuli
Lannea nigritana	Kwamamasui (Gboji-hinei)
Cleistopholis patens	Meigbamei
Dialium guineense	Mambui (mambui)
Coula edulis	Nokei (Tekoi)
Distemonanthus benthamianus	Ndului
Ceiba pentandra	Nguwei
Nauclera vandorguchtii	Nja-bundui
Allanblackia floribuda	Njetei
Pachystela brevis	Nyiya-kafii
Acica scabrifolia	Nyegalei (nyegai)
Rhodognaphalon brevisuspe	Sanguli
Pachystela brevipes	Sokei
Pentadesma butyracea	Solei (Njetei)
Chrysophyllum species	Yeyei
Bombax buonopezense	Titii
Gujbourtia leonensis	Tofii
Combretidendron macrocarpum	Tufei
Pterygota macrocarpa	Yawei-hinei
Afrosersalisia species	Sokimanii

SIXTH SCHEDULE
MINOR FOREST PRODUCE FEES

<i>Produce</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Gum copal and wild rubber	Annual license	Le 300.00
Poles (Class IV)		
butt diameter over 6 in.	1 pole	Le 10.00
butt diameter 4-6 in.	1 pole	Le 6.00
butt diameter under 4 in.	1 pole	4.00
poles (bamboo and palm mid- ribs)	1 pole	Le 1.00
Bamboo	1 pole	Le 10.00
Palm trees (tapping)	1 tree annually	Le 600.00 50.00/month
Canes per lb. or	10 canes	Le 1.00
Wattles (to 1in. diameter)	bundle of 20	Le 10.00
Tie-tie	bundle 1 ft. by 6 ft.	Le 5.00

SEVENTH SCHEDULE
GRAZING FEES

<i>Animal</i>	<i>Fee per animal per mon</i>
Cattle	Le 20.00
Pigs	Le 10.00
Other	Le 5.00

EIGHTH SCHEDULE

Licence No.....

TIMBER LICENCE

A licence is issued to.....

Of.....

to fell and extract the following timber:

Species Species Class	Minimum diameter	Number of trees or volume
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located in.....

This licence is issued subject to compliance with the following conditions and payment of all fees when due:

Date of commencement.....and completion.....

End use of timber.....

Name and address of sawmill, other processor or purchaser.....

Equipment to be used for logging.....

for sawing or processing.....

other conditions.....

Date

Signature of Licensing Officer

FELLING AND EXTRACTION REGISTER

Date	Fee Paid	Species	Volume	Fee Due	Balance
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This licence is issued subject to the provisions of the Forestry Regulations Public Notice No..... of 1989.

NINTH SCHEDULE

PROTECTED TREE LICENCE

Licence No.....

N.B. — This licence is non-Transferable

Licence is issued to.....

of.....

to fell and extract the following protected trees:

Species	Number	Size
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Located in.....

This licence is issued subject to compliance with the following conditions and payment of all fees when due:

End use of timber.....
 Name and address of sawmill, other processor or purchaser.....
 Other conditions.....
 Valid from:..... to.....
 (Date) (Signature of Licensing Officer)

FELLING AND EXTRACTION REGISTER

Date	Fee Paid	Species	Volume	Fee Due	Balance
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This licence is issued subject to the provisions of the Forestry Regulations Public Notice No..... of 1989.

TENTH SCHEDULE
 CLEARANCE LICENCE

Licence No.....

Licence is issued to.....
 of.....
 To clear the following area.....
 This licence is issued subject to compliance with the following conditions and payment of all fees when due:
 End use of timber.....
 Name and address of sawmill, other processor or purchaser.....
 Description of crops and trees to be planted, methods of cultivation and silviculture to be employed and time table for operations:
 Other conditions.....
 Valid from..... to.....
 (Date) (Signature of Licensing Officer)

FELLING AND EXTRACTION REGISTER

Date	Fee Paid	Species	Volume	Fee Due	Balance
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This licence is issued subject to the provisions of the Forestry Regulations Public Notice No..... of 1989.

ELEVENTH SCHEDULE
 GRAZING LICENCE

Licence No.....

A licence is issued to.....
 of.....
 to graze the following animals

Kind	Number
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in the following area of national forest.

Name of Forest (Location of grazing area) (access routes)
 during the period from..... to.....

This licence is issued to compliance with the following conditions:

Date Signature of Licensing Officer

This licence is issued subject to the provisions of the Forestry Regulations Public Notice No..... of 1989.

TWELFTH SCHEDULE
 MINOR FOREST PRODUCE LICENCE

Licence No.....

Licence is issued to.....
 of.....
 to take the following minor forest produce:

Description of produce	Quantity licensed
Located in.....	
Fees paid.....	

This licence is issued subject to compliance with the following conditions:

Valid from..... to.....

(Date) Signature of Licensing Officer

This licence is issued subject to the provisions of the Forestry Regulations Public Notice No..... of 1989.

THIRTEENTH SCHEDULE
 FUEL WOOD OR CHARCOAL TRANSPORT PERMIT

Permit No.....

Permit is issued to.....
 of.....

To transport the following types of fuel.....
 From the following location.....

This permit is subject to compliance with the following conditions.....

Person or persons from whom fuel to be acquire.....

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Quantity of fuel permitted.....per quarter.....total.....
Other conditions.....
Fee paid.....
Valid from.....to.....
.....
Date *Signature of Licensing Officer*

FUEL TRANSPORT REGISTER

Date	amount	Acquired from	Take to
.....

Date *Stamp and Signature of Licensing Officer*

This permit is issued subject to the provisions of the Forestry Regulations Public Notice No..... of 1989.

FIFTEENTH SCHEDULE

Permit No.....

PERMIT TO EXPORT CHARCOAL

Permit is issued to..... of..... Sierra Leone
to export..... tons of charcoal during the year
starting..... 19..... and ending..... 19.....

subject to the following conditions:

1. That the area from which the Charcoal was produced has been approved by the Chief Conservator of Forests.
2. That the prescribed fees were paid for the Charcoal production.
3. That all charcoal production sites from which the holder obtained charcoal for export are declared to the Chief Conservator of Forests.
4. Monthly exports should not exceed..... tons
5. Any additional conditions.

Fee paid:

This Permit is issued subject to the provisions of the Forestry Regulations Public Notice No..... of 1989.

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Date

.....
Stamp and Signature of Licensing Officer.

SEVENTEENTH SCHEDULE

PERMIT TO PRODUCE CHARCOAL

Permit No.....

Permit is issued to..... of..... Sierra Leone
to produce..... tons of charcoal at (location)
during the period 1st January, 19..... to 31st December, 19..... subject to the
following Conditions:

1. This permit is valid for one (1) kiln or pit only.
2. That the kiln is installed in a fuelwood surplus area approved by the Chief Conservator of Forests.
3. That the kiln capacity is no more than..... cords intake per charge.
4. Any additional condition.

This Permit is issued subject to the provisions of the Forestry Regulations Public Notice No..... 1989.

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Date

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Stamp and Signature of Licensing Officer

SEVENTEENTH SCHEDULE

Permit No.

PERMIT TO EXPORT WILD FLORA FROM SIERRA LEONE

This Permit is issued subject to the provisions of the Forestry Regulations.

Public Notice No. of 1989.

The person or agency named

of Sierra Leone is authorised to export the following flora from Sierra Leone to

1.	Species.....	No. of specimen.....
2.	Species.....	No. of specimen.....
3.	Species.....	No. of specimen.....
4.	Species.....	No. of specimen.....
5.	Species.....	No. of specimen.....
6.	Species.....	No. of specimen.....
7.	Species.....	No. of specimen.....
8.	Species.....	No. of specimen.....
9.	Species.....	No. of specimen.....
10.	Species.....	No. of specimen.....

Subject to the following Conditions:

1. That the permit is not transferable and only the firm or person named will be allowed to export the flora.
2. The number of specimen under this permit shall not exceed 10 of each species of flora.
3. The permit is valid for only one month.

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Date *Stamp and Signature of licensing officer*

Comptroller of Customs
 Phytosanitary Officer, MANR F.

EIGHTEENTH SCHEDULE

APPLICATION FOR CHARCOAL PRODUCTION PERMIT

Name and address of applicant.....

Charcoal to be produced at..... *(location)*

Name of forest Area Chiefdom Region

Proposed date of burning.....

End use of charcoal e.g. for sale/for export etc.....

Name of kiln or pit operator.....

Type of production unit e.g. Brick kiln, metal kiln pit etc.....

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Date *Signature of Applicant*

NINETEENTH SCHEDULE
APPLICATION TO EXPORT CHARCOAL

Name and address of applicant.....
.....
Quantity of charcoal to be exported.....
Charcoal produced at.....(Location)
Country to which charcoal is exported.....
Proposed date of export.....
Date.....
Signature of Applicant

MADE this 21st day of November, 1990.

MOHAMED BASH-TAQI,
Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources
and Forestry.