

Forest (Control of Timber) (Export of Unprocessed and Primarily Processed Indigenous Hardwoods) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 (No. 1)

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THE Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Tourism and Hospitality, in terms of sections 65 and 89 of the Forest Act [*Chapter 19:05*], hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Forest (Control of Timber) (Export of Unprocessed and Primarily Processed Indigenous Hardwoods) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 (No. 1).

2. The Forest (Control of Timber) (Export of Unprocessed and Primarily Processed Indigenous Hardwoods) Regulations, 2001, published in Statutory Instrument 112 of 2001 (hereinafter called the “principal regulations”), are amended by the repeal of section 3 and substitution of the following—

“3. The export of all species of indigenous trees is prohibited in unprocessed and primarily processed form.”.

3. The principal regulations are amended by the insertion of a new section, after section 3, as follows—

“4. (1) Any person found in possession of any consignment of unprocessed or primarily processed indigenous trees destined for export shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level 6 or to period of imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

(2) Any Forest Officer or Police Officer may seize any consignment of unprocessed or primarily processed indigenous trees destined for export, together with any vehicles, tools or equipment used in the felling of such trees.”.