

**REGULATION NO. 17 REGULATION RESTRICTING THE EXPORT
SIZE OF NIANGON LOGS**

WHEREAS, according to Section 3 (c) of the Act creating the Forestry Development Authority approved November 1, 1976 and published December 20, 1976, one of the major objectives is to stop needless waste and destruction of forest and associated natural resources and bring about the profitable harvesting of all forest products while assuring that supplies of these products are perpetuated; and

WHEREAS, in section 4 (c) of the Act, it is the primary objective of the Forestry Development Authority to enforce all laws and regulations for the conservation and development of forest resources and in Section 4 (h), it control the transportation and/ or export of forest products by land, water, water and air; and

WHEREAS, Heritiera Utile (Niangon) has dominated the export market of logs from Liberia in recent times; and

WHEREAS,, Niangon wood has now become the most popular furniture wood on the Liberian Market; and

WHEREAS, the Authority notes with concern that large quantities of Niangon logs (including small sizes) have been extracted from the forest and exported, thus threatening the sustained the regeneration of this species; and

WHEREAS, the FDA seeks to encourage the sustainability of this species through economic and silvicultural measures; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Forestry Development Authority does hereby rule and regulate that the export size of niangon logs be restricted relative to the required minimum diameter.

SECTION I: DEFINITIONS:

Niangon Logs: Felled trees or sections of felled trees of Niangon not in processed forms.

Minimum Diameter: The Lowest diameter measured at the smaller end of the log.

SECTION II: REQUIRED EXPORT SIZE OF NIANGON LOGS:

The required export size of all Niangon Logs shall henceforth measure minimum diameter of sixty (60) centimeters at the smaller end. That is, all Niangon Logs designated for export shall measure sixty (60) centimeter for above at the smaller end irrespective of first, second of third logs.

SECTION III: PENALTY:

Where a producer/exporter contravenes the provision of this regulation, the following, penalties shall be applied against the producer/exporter:-

Any Niangon Log(s) below sixty (60) centimeters in diameter at the smaller end, transported to the port and designated for export shall be confiscated and publicly auctioned by the Authority, and such logs shall be processed locally.

In the event that such log(s) have already been exported, the producer/exporter shall be charged one hundred percent (100%) of the F.O.B. value.

This regulation shall become effective on October 1, 1989 and shall be published in the publish media and the FDA Newsletter.