

5. (1) Upon registration of a timber depot the Conservator of Forests shall assign to such depot a property mark.

(2) The form, size and distinctive figure or number as respects a property mark in respect of any timber depot shall be determined by the Conservator of Forests at the time of the registration of such timber depot.

(3) When the aforesaid particulars are intimated to the owner of a timber depot, he shall have the property mark as aforesaid made and shall immediately impress a piece of paper 8 inches by 8 inches with the property mark, sign and date the piece of paper and forward it to the Conservator of Forests.

6. The owner of a timber depot shall use the property mark assigned to him for the purpose of stamping all logs sold by him.

7. All logs stored in a timber depot shall be stamped with the property mark of that depot.

8. The owner of a timber depot shall maintain a register containing a daily record of all transactions relating to logs substantially in Form A in the Second Schedule hereto.

9. At the end of each month, a monthly summary of all transactions relating to logs during that month shall be compiled and an extract thereof sent to the Conservator of Forests by registered post.

10. The stock of logs as appearing in the register maintained in a timber depot must at all these tally with the physical stocks of logs in the timber depot. Any discrepancy discovered at an inspection by any Forest Officer may, in addition to any other penalties prescribed in the Forest Ordinance, result in the cancellation of the registration of the timber depot.

11. Where the ownership of a timber depot changes, it shall be the duty of the new owner to apply for a fresh certificate of registration before he commences business. Every application for registration by a new owner shall be accompanied by a statement that such new owner has verified the stock of logs in the depot with the entries in the register and that he found the book figures to be correct. In a case where the book figures do not tally with the stock of logs, the application shall be accompanied by a statement giving the discrepancies discovered.

12. The registration of a timber depot may be cancelled—

- (a) if the owner of such depot or his agent is convicted in a court for any offence committed under the Forest Ordinance; or
- (b) if any timber, which is the property of the State is found in the depot; or
- (c) if there is a breach of any of these regulations.

13. The Conservator of Forests shall, before ordering the cancellation of registration of a timber depot call upon the owner of the timber depot to show cause why the registration should not be cancelled. If sufficient cause, to the satisfaction of the Conservator of Forests, is not shown within thirty days of being called upon so to do, the Conservator of Forests may cancel the registration.

14. No timber depot the registration of which has been cancelled shall be registered afresh except after the expiry of the period of cancellation.

15. The owner of a timber depot, the registration of which has been cancelled, shall not be entitled to have any other depot owned by him registered for a period of three years from the date on which the registration of such other timber depot lapses under regulation 4.

16. It shall be lawful for the owner of a timber depot, the registration of which has been cancelled,

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### THE FOREST ORDINANCE

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Lands and Land Development by virtue of the powers vested in him by section 28 of the Forest Ordinance (Chapter 451), as amended by Act, No. 13 of 1966 and Act, No. 56 of 1979.

GAMINI DISSANAYAKE,

Minister of Lands and Land Development,  
Colombo, 7.11.1979.

#### Regulations

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Forest Regulations No. 3 of 1979.

(2) These regulations shall apply in relation to the Registration of Timber Depots.

(3) These regulations shall come into force on such date as may be appointed for the purpose by the Minister by notification in the Gazette.

(4) These regulations shall apply within the areas specified in the First Schedule hereto.

2. No person shall, after the expiry of a period of three months from the date on which these regulations come into force, carry on the business of a timber depot unless such timber depot has been registered under these regulations by the Conservator of Forests.

3. Every application for the registration of a timber depot shall be—

- (a) in such form as may be provided for the purpose by the Conservator of Forests; and
- (b) accompanied by a registration fee of twenty five rupees.

4. (1) Where a timber depot is registered, the Conservator of Forests shall issue a certificate of registration to the owner of such timber depot.

(2) Every certificate of registration shall—

- (a) be in such form as may be determined for the purpose by the Conservator; and
- (b) unless earlier cancelled, be valid up to the thirty-first day of December of the year in respect of which it is issued.

(3) The certificate of registration issued in respect of any timber depot shall be exhibited in a conspicuous place in the depot.

(4) The certificate of registration shall not be transferable.

to sell his entire stock in trade to the owner of any other registered timber depot or to some other person, with the approval of the Conservator of Forests.

17. Any forest officer authorised in that behalf shall have power to enter any timber depot at any time for the purpose of inspecting the stocks therein and record of transactions in timber. It shall be the duty of the owner of any timber depot to make available to any authorised officer all registers and records maintained by him and render all assistance required for the purpose of inspecting stock when called upon to do so.

18. Every application for the renewal of the registration of a timber depot shall be accompanied by a fee of rupees five and by a specimen of the appropriate property mark duly signed and dated as provided in regulation 5.

19. The Conservator of Forests shall maintain a register of property marks and shall keep in safe custody the paper specimens impressed with the several property marks assigned to timber depots.

20. For the purposes of these regulations "timber depot" includes a timber yard, or carpentry shed, or Saw Mill.

21. In these regulations—

"Conservator" means the Conservator of Forests and includes the Deputy Conservator of Forests and the Senior Assistant Conservator of Forests;

"firewood" means timber not exceeding 3 feet in length and not exceeding 18 inches in girth at either end, except those species set out in Schedule I and II of the Forest Ordinance, but excluding the branch wood of such species conforming to the above specifications;

"owner of the timber depot" includes an agent or any employee administering the depot;

"timber" includes logs sawn or fashioned timber, poles, fence poles, and firewood; and

"timber depot" means a place where timber is stored for the purpose of—

- (a) sale; or
- (b) transport; or
- (c) being sawn by machinery or otherwise; or
- (d) being subjected to any process of manufacture and includes a carpentry shed, a timber yard and saw mill, but does not include a carpentry shed in a construction site which is of a temporary nature.

22. The Timber Depot Regulations, 1966, published in Gazette No. 14,710/7 of August 29, 1966 are subsequently amended are hereby rescinded.

FIRST SCHEDULE

All Administrative Districts

SECOND SCHEDULE

FORM A

Date	Opening stock (Logs)		Logs received		Source of logs*	Logs sold		Closing stock (Logs)	
	Species	Volume	Species	Volume		Species	Volume	Species	Volume

\* Permit numbers and the designation of the officer issuing the permits to be quoted. The monthly summary will be in the same form and should be forwarded to the Conservator of Forests to reach him not later than 10 days after the end of each month.