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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 64 of the Forest Ordinance (Chapter 451), read with section 59 of that ordinance as amended by Act, No. 13 of 1966 and Act No. 56 of 1979.

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Minister of Lands & Land Development.  
Colombo, 7th November, 1979.  
Regulations

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Forest Regulations, No. 4 of 1979.

(2) These regulations shall apply in relation to the Powers and Duties of Forest Officers.

2. All the powers and duties conferred or imposed on any forest officer by or under Forest Ordinance (Chapter 451), as amended by Act, No. 13 of 1966 and Act No. 56 of 1979 may be exercised or performed by any

Government Agent, Additional Government Agent, Assistant Government Agent, District Land Officer, Land Officer, Divisional Revenue Officer, Kachcheri Surveyor, Grama Seva Niladari, Colonization Officer of the Land Commissioner's Department and Chairman, General Manager, Operation Manager, Deputy Operation Manager, Regional Manager, Assistant Regional Manager, or Coupe Officer of the State Timber Corporation within his area of authority.

3. Within their respective areas of control, the officers mentioned in the first column of the Schedule hereto shall exercise the powers under the Forest Ordinance or the rules and regulations made there under specified in the corresponding items of the Second and Third columns of that Schedule.

4. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires "Forest Officer" has the same meaning as in the Forest Ordinance.

5. The regulations relating to powers and duties of Forest Officers published in Gazette No. 10,424, of July 11, 1952, as amended from time to time are hereby rescinded.

SCHEDULE

1 Class of Officer empowered	2 Section of the Ordinance under which the powers are given	3 Brief description of the nature of the powers conferred
1. Conservator of Forests, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Senior Assistant Conservator of Forests	7 (1) .. 20 (1) (h) .. 20 .. 24 .. 24 .. 24 (1) (g) ..	To permit acts specified in sections 7 (1) (f), 7 (1) (g), 7 (1) (h) and 7 (1) (i) To prescribe fees, royalties and other payments as specified in section 20 (1) (h) To permit acts specified in rule 5 of the rules under section 20 To prescribe the places and the routes by which alone forest produce may be exported from or transported within the Island under section 24 (1) (a) To permit transport of timber within proclaimed areas as prescribed under section 24 (1) (b) To establish checking stations with the consent of the Government Agent
Class of Officer empowered	Section of the Ordinance under which the powers are given	Brief description of the nature of the powers conferred
2. Conservator of Forests, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Senior Assistant Conservator of Forests, Assistant Conservators of Forests, Junior Assistant Conservators of Forests, Divisional Forest Officers and Assistant Divisional Forest Officers	5 .. 6 (a) .. 6 (c) .. 7 (1) .. 19 .. 20 .. 24 .. 24 (1) (i) .. 24 (1) (f) .. 24 (1) (gg) .. 24 (1) (j) .. 24 (1) (k) .. 24 (1) (l) .. 24 (1) (m) .. 24 (1) (n) .. 24 (1) (o) .. 27 .. 28 (3) .. 30 (2) .. 31 .. 32 .. 35 .. 41 .. 42 .. 45 .. 51 .. 59 (1) (c) .. 59 (1) (g) .. 69 ..	To stop ways and water courses in reserved forests To permit acts specified in section 6 (a) To permit acts specified in section 6 (c) To permit acts specified in sections 7 (1) (a), 7 (1) (b), 7 (1) (c), 7 (1) (d) and 7 (1) (e) To permit acts specified in section 19 To permit acts specified in sections 20 (1) (a), 20 (1) (b), 20 (1) (c), 20 (1) (d), 20 (1) (f) and to issue free grant and under section 20 (1) (g) To permit acts specified in regulation 3 made under section 24 To authorise the transport of timber belonging to the State across any land To appoint places to which forest produce seized in transit may be brought under section 24 (1) (f) To establish stations to which seized timber may be brought To stop obstruction of water-courses with the sanction of the Government Agent To remove obstruction on a river stream or waterway To permit the establishment of saw pits or saw mills in State forests To permit the use of property marks To detain forest produce for the contravention of regulations made under section 24 (1) (n) To levy fees for the use and possession of marking hammers To stop, examine and deal with timber in transit To examine stocks, registers and property marks in private depots To establish drift stations To give public notice of timber collected under section 30 To decide claims to drift timber To receive payments on account of drift timber To take possession of property on conclusion of trial To direct the sale of property seized under section 37 To release property seized or to withdraw charges To compound forest offences To hold inquiries into forest offences and in the course of such inquiries to receive and record evidence To take possession of property under the Forest Ordinance To take possession of property in respect of which money is payable to the State
3. Government Agents, Assistant Government Agents, District Land Officers and Land Officers	20 (1) (a) .. 20 (1) (b) .. 20 (1) (d) .. 20 (1) (e) ..	To permit acts specified in section 20 (1) (a) To permit acts specified in section 20 (1) (b) To permit the acts specified in section 20 (1) (d) To proclaim an area as one for pasturing cattle under section 20 (1) (e)

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	20 (1) (g) ..	To issue free grants under section 20 (1) (g)
	20 (1) (gg) ..	To establish stations to which seized timber may be brought
	24 (1) (i) ..	To authorize the transport of State timber across any land
	24 (1) (j) ..	To stop the obstruction of watercourses
	30 (2) ..	To establish drift stations
	31 ..	To give public notice of timber collected under section 30
	32 ..	To decide claims to drift timber
	35 ..	To receive payments on account of drift timber
	45 ..	To release property seized or to withdraw charges
	51 ..	To compound offences
	69 ..	To take possession of property in respect of which money is payable to the State
4. Government Agents, Assistant Government Agents, District Land Officers, Land Officers, Divisional Revenue Officers, Kachchori Surveyors and duly authorized Grama Seva Niladhari	14 ..	To permit acts specified in section 14 in respect of village forests
	20 (1) (c) ..	To permit acts specified in section 20 (1) (c)
	20 (1) (f) ..	To permit the use of explosives for blasting rocks
	20 (1) (g) ..	To issue free grants under section 20 (1) (g)
	24 (1) (k) ..	To remove obstruction in a road, stream or waterway
	24 (1) (l) ..	To permit the establishment of saw pits or saw mills in State Forests
	24 (1) (n) ..	To detain forest produce for the contravention of regulations under section 24 (1) (n)
	27 ..	To stop, examine and deal with timber in transit
	41 ..	To take possession of property on conclusion of trial
	45 ..	To release property seized or withdraw charges
	59 (1) (c) ..	To hold inquiries into forest offences and in the course of such inquiries to receive and record evidence
	59 (1) (g) ..	To take possession of property under the Forest Ordinance
5. Chairman, General Manager, Working Director, and Operations Manager of the State Timber Corporation.	24 ..	To permit acts specified in regulation 3 made under section 24
6. Chairman, General Manager, Working Director, Operations Manager, Deputy Operations Manager, Regional Manager, Assistant Regional Manager of the State Timber Corporation	24 (1) (f) ..	To appoint places to which forest produce seized in transit may be brought under section 24 (1) (f)
	24 (1) (j) ..	To stop obstruction of watercourses with the sanction of the Government Agent
	24 (1) (k) ..	To remove obstruction on a river stream or waterway
	24 (1) (l) ..	To carry and use stamping hammers
	24 (1) (m) ..	To permit the use of property marks
	24 (1) (n) ..	To detain forest produce for the contravention of regulations made under section 24 (1) (n)
	27 ..	To stop, examine and deal with timber in transit
	37 ..	To seize property liable to confiscation
	48 ..	To arrest without order from a Magistrate
7. Foresters, Range Forest Officers, Assistant Range Forest Officers, Forest Rangers, Range Assistants	19 ..	To permit acts specified under section 19
	20 (1) (b) ..	To permit acts specified in section 20 (1) (b)
	20 (1) (c) ..	To permit acts specified in section 20 (1) (c)
	24 (1) (k) ..	To remove obstruction in a river, stream or waterway
	24 (1) (l) ..	To permit the establishment of saw pits or saw mills in State forests and the carriage and use of stamping hammers
	24 (1) (n) ..	To detain forest produce for the contravention of the regulations under section 24 (1) (n)
	27 ..	To stop, examine and deal with timber in transit
	23 (3) ..	To examine stocks, registers and property marks in private depots
	41 ..	To take possession of property on conclusion of trial
	45 ..	To release property seized or withdraw charges
	59 (1) (c) ..	To hold inquiries into forest offences and in the course of such inquiries to receive and record evidence
	59 (1) (g) ..	To take possession of property under the Forest Ordinance
8. Head Forest Guards, Boat Forest Officers, Forest Overseers, Forest Watchers, Forest Labourers Grama Seva Niladhari and Police Officers and Coupe Officers of the State Timber Corporation	24 (1) (k) ..	To remove obstruction in a river, stream or waterway
	24 (1) (l) ..	To carry and use stamping hammers
	24 (1) (n) ..	To detain forest produce for the contravention of the regulations under section 24 (1) (n)
	27 ..	To stop, examine and deal with timber in transit
9. Depot Officer of the State Timber Corporation	24 (1) (l) ..	To carry and use stamping hammers
10. Colonization officers of the Land Commissioner's Department	24 (1) (n) ..	To detain forest produce for the Contravention of the regulations under Section 24 (1) (n)
	27 ..	To stop, examine and deal with timber in transit