

CHAPTER 213

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(Section 5)

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WHEREAS-

- (a)* trees are environmentally protective and form an important component of the natural vegetation of the country,
- (b)* the control of forest management practices enhances the quality of forest resources and preserves the genetic elements that comprise the natural forest heritage;
- (c)* it is necessary to promote the sustainable development and conservation of the forests of Belize;
- (d)* it is recognized that forests play a major role in the planetary recycling of carbon, nitrogen and oxygen and influence temperature, rainfall and other climatic conditions while regulating the quality and quantity of freshwater systems;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable in the national interest to establish rules and regulations to protect trees;

NOW THEREFORE, the following regulations shall take effect.

- Short title. 1. These Regulations may be cited as the
FOREST (PROTECTION OF TREES) REGULATIONS.
- Interpretation. 2. In these Regulations
“Department” means the Department of Forestry in the Ministry for the time being charged with the responsibility for forests;
“primary hardwoods” include mahogany, cedar and teak;
“secondary hardwoods” includes any other tree not defined as primary hardwoods;
“softwoods” includes trees of any indigeneous species, and trees of the coniferous class which have been introduced into Belize.
- Prohibition on conversion of certain species without permit. First Schedule. Sub. Reg. Vol. III, p 1496. 3. No person shall convert any species of primary hardwoods, secondary hardwoods or softwoods as specified in the First Schedule to these regulations into lumber without first having obtained a Licence in accordance with Rule 5 of the Forest Rules.
- Application for permit. Second Schedule. 4. An application for a permit shall be in the Form of the Second Schedule and shall be submitted together with a non-refundable application fee of twenty-five dollars to the Chief Forest Officer of the Department.
- Prohibition on conversion of species by using chainsaws. 5. No person to whom a permit is granted in pursuance of Regulation 3 above shall convert any species of primary hardwoods, secondary hardwoods or softwoods into lumber by using chainsaws or any of its modifications:

Provided that the Chief Forest Officer may, in special cases, permit

the use of chainsaws or any of its modifications in converting small quantities of the aforesaid trees into lumber.

6. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or to both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, any lumber produced in contravention of these Regulations shall be forfeited, together with any tools, machinery or equipment used in such conversion.

Penalty and
forfeiture.

MADE this 2nd day of April, 1992.

(FLORENCIO MARIN)
Minister of Natural Resources

FIRST SCHEDULE
[Regulation 3]

<u>ENGLISH - LOCAL</u>	<u>BOTANICAL NAME</u>
Rosewood	Dalbergia stevensonii
Ziricote	Cordia dodecandra
Fustic	Chlorophora tinctoria
Logwood	Heamatoxylum campechianum
Mahogany	Swietenia macrophylla
Cedar	Cedrela odorata
Teak	Tectona grandis
Caribbean pine	Pinus caribaea
Patula/Oocarpa	P. patula spp. tecunumanii
Mayflower	Tabebuia pentaphylla
Podo (Cypress)	Podocarpus guatemalensis
Santa Maria	Calophyllum braziliense
Yemeri (San Juan)	Vochysia hondurensis
Cabbage Bark	Lonchocarpus castillo
Chicle Macho	Achras chicle
Nargusta (Bullywood)	Terminalia amazonia
Sapodilla	Achras zapota
Billy Webb	Sweetia panamensis
Bullet Tree	Bucida buceras
Mylady	Aspidosperma spp.
Silion	Lucuma & Sideroxylon spp.
Salmwood	Cordia alliodora
Cortez	Tabebuia crysantha
Black Poison Wood	Metopium brownei
Granadillo	Platymiscium yucetanum
Palomulatto	Astronium graveolens
Tubroos	Enterolobium cyclocarpum
Barbe Jolote	Acacia & Pithecolobium spp.
Carbon	Tetragastris stevensonii
Cramantee	Guarea excelsa

ENGLISH - LOCAL

BOTANICAL NAME

Tamarind	Acacia & pithecolobium spp.
Timbersweet	Nectaranda, Ocotea & Phobe spp.
Ironwood	Dailium guianense
Prickly Yellow	Zanthoxylum. spp.
Mapola	Bernoullia flamme
Negrilo	Simarouba glauca
Redwood	Mosquitoxylon jamaicensw
Bull Hoof	Drypetes spp.

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