

# COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS No. 13 OF 1995

## REGULATIONS

MADE by the Minister under section 13 of the Water and Sewerage Act, (Chap. 43:40).

(Gazetted 13th April, 1995.)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the –

Short title.

WATER AND SEWERAGE (CATCHMENT AREA)  
REGULATIONS 1995.

2. In these Regulations –

Interpretation.

"water catchment" includes any area designated as a "protected forest" as defined in the Forests Act;

Ch. 60:01.

"class A stream" means all rivers, lakes and streams –

(a) having an average dry season stream-flow of more than eight million gallons per day; and

(b) producing or capable of producing portable water,

for domestic use or export;

"class B stream" means all watercourses carrying permanent running water at the average dry season flow rate of one to eight million gallons per day; and

"class C stream" means all watercourses carrying water at the average dry season flow rate of less than one million gallons per day.

Water catchment  
class A stream.

3. All land upstream of the intake and within fifty metres of each side of any class A stream forms part of the water catchment.

Use of water  
catchment.

4. The following is incompatible use of a water catchment:

- (a) agricultural activity requiring the use of agro-chemical inputs;
- (b) camping;
- (c) chainsaw harvest;
- (d) mechanised logging; and
- (e) road construction.

Use of filter strip.

5. (1) All land one hundred metres from the outer boundary of the fifty metres area referred to in section 3 forms a filter strip.

(2) Selective logging may be carried out within the filter strip on the following conditions:

- (a) harvesting is restricted to over mature or sickly stems;
- (b) harvesting takes place in dry season conditions;
- (c) not more than ten per cent of the canopy is removed;
- (d) the lumber must be produced in-situ; and
- (e) trees are not felled into the water catchment as defined in section 3.

(3) The filter strip may be utilised for education and scientific research on condition that activity does not –

- (a) reduce water quality from the catchment area; or
- (b) require removal of tree over.

Water catchment  
class B and C  
streams.

6. All land within twenty metres of each side of any class B or C stream forms part of the water catchment.

Use of filter strip.

7. (1) All land fifty metres from the outer boundary of the twenty metres area of any class B stream forms a filter strip.

(2) Harvesting of timber may be carried out within the filter strip on the following conditions:

- (a) all skid trails are restored by filling or flat-blading in dry season conditions;
- (b) harvesting takes place in dry season conditions;
- (c) skidding is carried out in an uphill direction; and
- (d) skid trails do not cross any class B stream.

8. Any person who contravenes any provision of these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars and six months imprisonment. <sup>Penalty.</sup>

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