

LEGAL NOTICE No. 343 of 1968

Regulations Issued Pursuant to the Private Forest  
Conservation and Protective Forests  
Proclamation of 1965.

1. *Issuing Authority*

These Regulations are issued by the Minister of Agriculture pursuant to authority vested in him by Article 6 (e) of the Private Forest Conservation Proclamation No. 226 of 1965 and Article 8(f) of the Protective Forests Proclamation No. 227 of 1965.

2. *Short Title*

These Regulations may be cited as the "Protection of Private Forests Regulations, 1968."

3. *Definitions*

In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires, the words: "forest", "forest tree", "forest product", "Minister", "Ministry", "person" and "wildlife" shall have the meaning as set forth in Article 3 of the private Forests Conservation Proclamation No. 226 of 1965 and Article 3 of the Protective Forests Proclamation No. 227 of 1965.

4. *Precautions Regarding the Kindling of Fires*

No person shall kindle any fire in or near any forest, brush land or land containing tree growth except as provided for below:

- (1) With limitation to the power of the Ministry to prohibit fire kindling during any season of the year and in any part of Ethiopia, forest inhabitants and persons working in forests may kindle fires to the extent that such fires shall be necessary and provided that all inflammable materials have been removed and reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent any spreading of same. Persons described in this paragraph shall not leave any such fire until extinguished.
- (2) Any railroad company operating steam or electric locomotives passing through forests or in areas adjacent to forests shall take all reasonable and necessary precautions for the prevention of forest fires. To this end, any such company shall install on the locomotives devices for the prevention of escaping sparks and shall keep a sufficient area on both sides of the railroad clean of vegetation and inflammable materials.

5. *Fire Extinguishing*

In case of a forest fire, police and administrative authorities of the Woreda, Awraja or the Governorate General, as may be necessary, may take all necessary and appropriate steps including requesting the assistance of the inhabitants in the extinguishing of such fires.

6. *Forest Insects and Diseases*

Any person owning a private forest shall take appropriate measures for the prevention of harmful insects and forest tree diseases within the forest and upon any appearance or occurrence of such insects or disease shall report to the nearest forest ranger or extension agent and shall abide by their instructions or directives.

7. *Other Threatening Damages*

- (1) No person shall bark, hack and lop forest trees.
- (2) No cutting of trees shall be carried out in a manner that may imperil the normal regeneration of the forest.
- (3) Hauling of forest products shall be done through the established routes and paths and in a manner that causes the least damage to the soil and the young trees.

8. *Penal*

Any person who contravenes the provisions of these Regulations or commits any offence under Article 7 of the Private Forest Conservation Proclamation No. 226 of 1965 or Article 9 of the Protective Forests Proclamation No. 227 of 1965, shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be punished in accordance with the Penal Code.

9. *Effective Date*

These Regulations shall enter into force on the date of their publication in the Negarit Gazeta.

Done at Addis Ababa this 30th day of September 1968.

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