

LEGAL NOTICE No. 344 of 1968

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

*Issuing Authority*

These Regulations are issued by the Minister of Agriculture pursuant to authority vested in him by Article 7(e) of the State Forest Proclamation No. 225 of 1965, and Article 8(f) of the Protective Forests Proclamation No. 227 of 1965.

*Short Title*

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

*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 State Forest Proclamation No. 225 of 1965 and Article 3 of the Protective Forests Proclamation No. 227 of 1965.

*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) Without 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 fire. 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. *Other Threatening Damages, Including Grazing*

- (1) No person shall bark, hack and lop forest trees.
- (2) No owner of cattle, sheep, goats or other domestic animals shall let such animals graze in forest nurseries, young forest plantations and regenerating forests.

(3) *Grazing Permit*

- (a) No person shall allow his livestock in state and protective forests unless he has previously obtained a grazing permit.
- (b) Provincial Agricultural offices shall issue grazing permits, in accordance with instructions to be given by the Minister.
- (c) Each grazing permit shall specify the parts of the forest where grazing is allowed and the number of cattle allowed to graze under such permit. It shall likewise specify the period of grazing.
- (d) No such permit shall be given in respect of forests in which grazing may imperil the normal regeneration of the forest.

(4) *Cutting and Hauling*

- (a) No cutting of trees shall be carried out in a manner that may imperil the normal regeneration of the forest.
- (b) 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.

7. *Penal*

Any person who contravenes the provisions of these regulations or commits any offence under Article 8 of the State Forest Proclamation No. 225 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.

8. *Effective Date*

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

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

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