

LEGAL NOTICE No. 350 of 1968

Regulations Issued Pursuant to the State Forest
Proclamation No. 225 of 1965

1. *Issuing Authority*

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

2. *Short Title*

These Regulations may be cited as the "Powers of Forest Guards 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.

Establishment of Forest Guard Service

There is hereby established a forest guard service for the protection of forests and the implementation of forestry laws and regulations.

Duties of Forest Guards

Forest Guards shall have the following duties:

- (1) to guard and protect State forests;
- (2) to ensure that the removal, utilization, processing and possession of forest products, whether from a State forest or a private forest is carried out in accordance with forestry laws and regulations;
- (3) in accordance with directive to be issued by the Minister and regulations, to ensure the implementation of forest laws.

Steps to be taken by Forest Guards

Forest Guards shall have the following powers:

- (1) to require any person found in possession of forest products to produce valid certificates of origin;
- (2) to take possession of forest products as well as the vehicle, or animals, if any, upon which they are loaded, from any person found in possession of forest products without valid certificates of origin.

Any forest guard who has occasion to take action as provided in Article 6 (1) or 6 (2) above shall report to the nearest Agricultural Office.

Uniforms and Arms

Forest guards shall, while on duty, wear such uniforms and arms as shall be determined by the Minister

Penal

Any person violating the provisions of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be punished in accordance with 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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