

## **THE CROP PRODUCTION AND LIVESTOCK (SISAL) RULES**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Crop Production and Livestock (Sisal) Rules. 2. In these Rules, except where the context otherwise requires—

"Board" means the Sisal Board established under section 3 of the Sisal Industry Act;

"Director" means the Director of Agriculture and, in respect of rules 4, 9 and 10 of these Rules, any officer of the Department of Agriculture duly authorized in writing by the Director in that behalf;

"export" means export from one administrative district to another or to a place outside Kenya;

"reserved areas" means the special areas, together with the special reserves, the temporary special reserves, the special leasehold areas and the special settlement areas, as defined in the Trust Land Act;

"sisal" means the plant *Agave sisalana* or other species of *Agave* or its hybrids;

"sisal fibre" means processed, machined or carded fibre or tow and any other substance or by-product derived therefrom;

"waste" means all the residue from sisal leaf after removal of the fibre.

3. No person shall plant sisal in the reserved areas except for the purpose of—

- (a) demarcating units of land;
- (b) the prevention of soil erosion;
- (c) the preservation of water resources; or
- (d) good husbandry.

4. When the Director is satisfied that in any area within the reserved areas sisal plants exist which prejudice any or all of the purposes set out in rule 3 of these Rules, it shall be competent for him to issue an order in writing requiring the occupier or occupiers as the case may be of the land to destroy such sisal plants as the Director may deem necessary.

5. No person shall—

- (a) decorticate sisal leaf; or
- (b) buy sisal leaf or sisal fibre,

which has been grown in the reserved areas unless he is in possession of a licence so to do issued to him by the Director:

Provided that nothing in this rule shall prohibit the decortication of sisal leaf by an African in his own district or the purchase of sisal leaf or sisal fibre by one African from another African for any purpose other than the export thereof.

6. No licence shall be issued by the Director without the consent in writing of the Board and of the Provincial Commissioner of the province, who shall, before giving his consent, consult the County Council concerned.

7. The fee for such a licence shall be Sh. 50 per annum, and such fee shall be paid to the County Council concerned.

8. Every licence may be renewed annually by the Director after consulting the Provincial Commissioner of the province and the Board.

9. The Director may fix and vary the minimum price to be paid by licensees for sisal leaf or sisal fibre, and may fix different prices for different areas.

10. Arrangements satisfactory to the Director shall be made for the disposal of waste.

11. Nothing in these Rules shall prohibit the planting of sisal under licence granted under the Sisal Industry Act.