

REGULATION NO. 23

REGULATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE FEES ON FOREST AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, the Act creating the FDA further empowers the Authority to carry out programs for the use and perpetuation of the forest, recreational and wildlife resources of the country, and to continue providing services relative to the Authority's function, and to sustain conservation measures through the levying of fees on the Timber Industry (Section 4C, 1 (v); and

WHEREAS, the southward expansion of the sahel has become noticeable in Liberia in recent times, and it is incumbent on the FDA to take appropriate measure in containing the threats to the nation's forest resources, so as to ensure continued environmental stability;

WHEREAS, the cost of forest plantations establishment and development and conservation of forest resources have increased significant over the years;

NOW THEREFORE, the FDA does hereby rule and regulate:

SECTION I. REFORESTATION FEE

1. All trees cut for commercial purpose on all lands within the Republic of Liberia shall be assessed at \$5.00 per cubic meter of full tree length irrespective of species.
2. Assessed Length is the log length after felling, topping and removal defects, if any, in accordance with FDA's Management Rules and Regulation from time to time.

SECTION II. CONSERVATION FEE

a) The following species are hereby promoted from class B to class A. They are:

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| 1. Abura/Bama  | 6. Ekki/Azobe/Ironwood |
| 2. Wawa/Obeche | 7. Iroko               |
| 3. Tetra/Sikon | 8. Frake               |
| 4. Naga        | 9. Aiele               |
| 5. Didelotia   | 10. Limballi           |
|                | 11. Kusia              |

b) A Forest Conservation Fee of four dollars (\$4.00) per cubic meter for class "A" species shall be levied on all logs produced for commercial use within the Republic of Liberia.

Class "A" Species are as follows:

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| 1. Sipo/Utile       | 13. Wawa/Obeche*         |
| 2. Makore           | 14. Tetra/Sikon*         |
| 3. Sapele           | 15. Naga*                |
| 4. kosipo           | 16. Didelotia*           |
| 5. Tiama/Edinam     | 17. Ekki/Axobe/Ironwood* |
| 6. Khaua/Acajou     | 18. Iroko*               |
| 7. Lova/Dibetou     | 19. Frake*               |
| 8. Niangon/Whismore | 20. Aiele*               |
| 9. Guarea/Bosse     | 21. Limballi*            |
| 10. Framire         | 22. Kusia*               |
| 11. Aningre         |                          |
| 12. Abura/Bahia*    |                          |

\*SPECIES PROMOTED FROM CLASS "B" TO "A"

- c) A Forest Conservation fee of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per cubic meter for Class “B” Species shall be levied on all logs produced for commercial use within the Republic of Liberia.

Class “B” Species are as follows:

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| 1. Bete/Mansonis       | 11. Faro/Daniella             |
| 2. Amazakoue           | 12. Oboto/Mamea               |
| 3. Tali                | 13. Ceiba/Formagar/Cottonwood |
| 4. Danta/Kotibe        | 14. Avodire                   |
| 5. Illomba             | 15. Koto                      |
| 6. Afzelia/Doussie     | 16. Antiaris                  |
| 7. Movingui            | 17. All others species        |
| 8. Bombax/Kondroti     |                               |
| 9. Dahoma/Dabema       |                               |
| 10. Saclogottis/Ozouga |                               |

**SECTION III. FORESTRY RESEARCH FEE**

To support scientific studies regarding the biodiversity for sustainability of the forest resources of Liberia and to conduct anatomical, physical, chemical and mechanical properties of our lesser known Liberian Timber Species, a Forestry Research Tax of one (1) U.S. Dollar per cubic meter irrespective of species and grades extracted by each forest concessionaire is hereby levied.

**SECTION IV. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES**

- a. An Administrative fee of five hundred U.S. Dollars (US\$500.00) shall be paid annually by each concessionaire to the FDA as Registration per entity/corporation.
- b. A non-refundable administrative fee of two thousand U.S. Dollars (US\$2,000.00) shall be levied as a Forest Survey permits Fee.
- c. A non-refundable fee of two thousand U.S. Dollars (US\$2,000.00) shall be levied as a PIT SAWING/POWER SAWING OPERATOR’S PERMIT FEE annually.
- d. Annual Administrative Permit fees for minor forest products producers or non-wood forest producers are as follows:

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| 1. RATTAN-----                  | US\$500.00   |
| 2. CHARCOAL PRODUCERS-----      | LD\$5,00.00  |
| 2(a) CHARCOAL SELLERS-----      | LD\$2,00.00  |
| 3. RAFTERS AND ROUND POLES----- | LD\$2,000.00 |
| 4. BAMBOO-----                  | LD\$500.00   |

**(E) SAWMILLING OPERATOR’S PERMIT:**

Any business entity/individual operating a Sawmill and not in possession of a SALVAGE PERMIT or a concession agreement with the GOL the FDA shall be levied an annual SAWMILL OPERATOR’S PERMIT fee of five thousand U.S. Dollars (US\$5,000.00).

**(F) LUMBER DEALERS:**

All individuals/business entity operating Lumber Yards shall be levied an annual administrative fee of five U.S. Dollars (US\$500.00)

(G) FURNITURE PRODUCERS:

All wood workshops/individuals/business entities engaged in the furniture production business shall be levied an annual administrative fee of three hundred fifty U.S. Dollars (US\$350.00).

SECTION V. REPEAL

Regulation No. 11, Section IV on Reforestation Fee is hereby repealed.

Regulation No. 12 on Administrative Fees, Section I is hereby repealed.

Regulation No. 13 on Forest and Wildlife Conservation Fee, Section I is hereby repealed.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Regulation shall become effective on January 12, 1998 and be announced in the public media and published in the FDA Newsletter.

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