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Natural Resources (Protection) Regulations, 1968

IT is hereby notified that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has, in terms of section 82 of the Natural Resources Act [Chapter 264], made the following regulations:

1. These regulations may be cited as the Natural Resources (Protection) Regulations, 1968.

2. In these regulations—

“high flood-level” means the level of water resulting from rainfall or run-off from a catchment over and above the level of water normally conserved in any artificially constructed water-conservation work when it is full;

“naturally defined banks” means the banks containing the flow of a public stream when it is flowing at its fullest capacity and keeping the usual natural direction of its own course;

“public stream” means a watercourse of natural origin wherein water flows, whether or not such watercourse or any portion of such watercourse is dry during any period of the year and whether or not its conformation has been changed by artificial means.

3. No person shall, without the prior written approval of the board, cultivate or permit or cause the cultivation of any land or injure or destroy any natural vegetation—

- (a) within one hundred feet of the verge of any spring, vlei, sponge, marsh, swamp or reed-bed;
- (b) within one hundred feet of the naturally defined banks of a public stream;
- (c) within one hundred feet of the high flood-level of any body of artificially conserved water.

4. In granting an approval in terms of section 3, the board may impose such reasonable conditions for the protection of natural resources as it deems fit.

5. Subject to the provisions of section 6, the board may with-

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6. No approval given by the board shall be withdrawn unless the person upon whom the conditions in question have been imposed is—

- (a) informed by notice, in writing, by the board of the manner in which such conditions have been breached; and
- (b) permitted to make written representations in regard thereto to the board within fourteen days of the receipt of such notice.

7. The Public Stream Banks Protection Regulations, 1952, published in Rhodesia Government Notice No. 277 of 1952, and the Public Stream Banks Protection (Amendment) Regulations, 1957 (No. 1), published in Rhodesia Government Notice No. 244 of 1957, are repealed.