

FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULATION NO. 9
REGULATION ENABLING A SPECIAL TRADE DEPRESSION
ALLOWANCE ON CERTAIN FOREST FEES

WHEREAS, the Act Adopting a Revenue and Finance Law, approved May 24, 1977, published June 20, 1977, in Chapter 20 on Stumpage and Forest Products Fee, charges the Forestry Development Authority and the Ministry of Finance to determine and regulate from time to time the rates and basis of the Liberian Forest Fees and Taxes (Section 20.2, 20.3, 20.4 and 20.5 respectively); and

WHEREAS, in 1981, because of a decline in international demand and trade in logs with a consequent reduction of prices, the Government of Liberia in order to assist the timber trade during a period of depression, did lower the Industrialization Incentive Fees payable on the export of logs of certain species; and

WHEREAS, the depressed condition of the timber trade still continues causing a further slackening of demand for certain species; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Liberia still continues to allow the unhindered and free export of logs of all species; and

WHEREAS, some further sharing of the burden of the recession is required in the form of a reduction of certain forest fees without destroying the structure of the scale of fees and the reasonable proportion of the proceeds of trade due to the Government of Liberia.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Forestry Development Authority together with the Ministry of Finance do hereby rule and regulate that an allowance - to be termed "Special Trade Depression Allowance" (STDA) - be made by deducting 10% from the present rate of Industrialization Incentive Fees for certain species as shown in Section I below:-

Section I: Industrialization Incentive Fee:

Species Affected by STDA:

All logs intended for export shall be assessed according to species at the following rates per cubic meter (M³):-

1. Entandrophragma candollei	Kossipo	\$28.00	less	10%	STDA
2. Entandrophragma angolense	Tiama/Edinam	28.00	less	10%	STDA
3. Khaya ivorensis/anthotheca	Acajou/Khaya	28.00	less	10%	STDA
4. Lova trichilioides	Dibetou/Lova	28.00	less	10%	STDA
5. Heritiera utilis	Niangon	28.00	less	10%	STDA
6. Guarea cedrata	Bossé/Guarea	13.60	less	10%	STDA
7. Chlorophora spp.	Iroko	13.60	less	10%	STDA
8. Mansonia altissima	Bété/Mansonia	13.00	less	10%	STDA
9. Guibourtia ehie	Amazakoué	12.00	less	10%	STDA
10. Triplochiton scleroxylon	Wawa/Obeche	12.00	less	10%	STDA

11. Terminalia ivorensis	Framiré	\$12.00	less 10%	STDA
12. Aningeria robusta	Aningeria	12.00	less 10%	STDA
13. Terminalia superba	Fraké	4.00	less 10%	STDA
14. Erythrophleum spp.	Tali	4.00	less 10%	STDA
15. Nesogordonia papaverifera	Danta/Kotibé	4.00	less 10%	STDA
16. Brachystegia leonensis	Naga	3.00	less 10%	SSTDA
17. Pyonathus angolensis	Illomba	3.00	less 10%	STDA
18. Afzelia spp.	Doussié	3.00	less 10%	STDA
19. Tetraberlinia tubmaniana	Sikon	3.00	less 10%	STDA
20. Distemonanthus benthemianus	Movingui	3.00	less 10%	STDA
21. Pterygota macrocarpa	Koto	3.00	less 10%	STDA
22. Nauclea spp.	Kusia/Bilinga	3.00	less 10%	STDA
23. Canarium schweinfurthii	Aiélé	3.00	less 10%	STDA
24. Lophira alata	Azobé/Ekki	2.00	less 10%	STDA
25. All species other than given in Section 2 below		2.00	less 10%	STDA

Section 2 Industrialization Incentive Fee:

Species Not Affected by STDA:

All logs of the following species that are intended for export shall be assessed at the following rate per cubic meter (M³):-

		<u>Rate/M³</u>
1. Entandrophragma utile	Sipo	\$75.00
2. Tieghemella heckelii	Makore	32.00
3. Entandrophragma cylindricum	Sapele	28.00

Section 3. Severance Fee:

1. All trees cut for commercial purposes on all lands within the Republic of Liberia shall be assessed at \$1.50 per cubic meter of Full Tree Length irrespective of grade and intended use.
2. Full Tree Length is the log after Felling, Topping, removal of Defects, if any, but before any Cross-cutting, with Felling, Top-pint and Defects as prescribed by FDA's Forest Management Rules and Regulations from time to time.

Section 4. Forest Product Fee:

1. The wood products defined herebelow intended for export shall be assessed according to species at the following rates per M³
2. Sawn T & T - (Sawn Through and Through) including:-
 - (a) A log which is sawn through and through without the individual lumber having been further processed but which is unbundled to its original round log form (Boule); and
 - (b) The individual lumber of a log sawn through and through without the lumber having been further processed.
3. Square Edged on Four Sides (Undressed in the Rough) - is lumber with four sides square edged but not planed.
4. Square Edged Dressed Four Sides - is lumber with four sides square edged and planed including mouldings but excluding veneer and plywood.

		Sawn T&T	Square Edged Four Sides (Undressed in the Rough)	Square Edged Dressed Four Sides
		\$	\$	\$
1. Entandrophragma utile	Sipo/Utile	60/m ³	15/m ³	2/m ³
2. Tieghemelia heckelii*	Makore	27/m ³	10/m ³	2/m ³
3. Entandrophragma cylind*	Sapele	24/m ³	10/m ³	2/m ³
4. Entandrophragma cand.*	Kosipo	22/m ³	10/m ³	2/m ³
5. Entandrophragma ang.*	Tiama/Edinam	22/m ³	10/m ³	2/m ³
6. Khaya spp.*	Acajou/Khaya	22/m ³	10/m ³	2/m ³
7. Heritiera utilis*	Niangon	22/m ³	10/m ³	2/m ³
8. Lovoa trichilioides*	Dibetou/Lovoa	22/m ³	10/m ³	2/m ³
9. Guarea cedrata*	Bossé/Guarea	10/m ³	5/m ³	1/m ³
10. Chlorophora spp.*	Iroko	10/m ³	5/m ³	1/m ³
11. Mansonia altissima*	Bété/Mansonia	10/m ³	5/m ³	1/m ³
12. Guibourtia ehie*	Amazakoué	9/m ³	5/m ³	1/m ³
13. Triplochiton scler*	Wawa/Obeche	9/m ³	5/m ³	1/m ³
14. Terminalia ivor.*	Framiré	9/m ³	5/m ³	1/m ³
15. Aningeria robusta	Aningeria	3/m ³	2.50/m ³	1/m ³
16. Terminalia superba	Fraké	3/m ³	2.50/m ³	1/m ³
17. Erythrophleum spp.	Tali	3/m ³	2.50/m ³	1/m ³
18. Nesogordonia papaverifera	Danta/Kotibé	3/m ³	2.50/m ³	1/m ³
19. Brachystegia leonensis	Naga	2/m ³	1.50/m ³	1/m ³
20. Pycnanthus angelensis	Illomba	2/m ³	1.50/m ³	1/m ³
21. Afzelia spp.	Doussié	2/m ³	1.50/m ³	1/m ³
22. Tetraberlinia tubmaniana	Sikon	2/m ³	1.50/m ³	1/m ³
23. Distemonanthus benth.	Movingui	2/m ³	1.50/m ³	1/m ³
24. Pterygota macrocarpa	Koto	2/m ³	1.50/m ³	1/m ³
25. Nauclea spp.	Kusia/Bilinga	2/m ³	1.50/m ³	1/m ³
26. Canarium schweinfurthii	Aiélé	2/m ³	1.50/m ³	1/m ³
27. Lophira alata**	Azobé/Ekki	-	-	-
28. All other species	N.A.	1.50/m ³	1.50/m ³	1/m ³

NOTE:

*The fees on Sawn T&T for these species have been adjusted to prevent any anomalies which would arise because of the decrease in the Industrialization Incentive Fees on logs of the same species.

**Special Incentive to encourage further processing of this extraordinarily hard species.

Section 5. Reforestation Fee:

1. All trees cut for commercial purposes on all lands within the Republic of Liberia shall be assessed at \$3.00 per cubic meter (M³) of Full Tree Length.
2. Full Tree Length is the log after Felling, Topping and removal of Defects, if any, but before any cross-cutting, with Felling, Topping and Defects as prescribed by FDA's Forest Management Rules and Regulations from time to time.

Section 6. Discontinuance or Amendment:

The STDA will be reviewed quarterly by study and scrutiny of the state of the timber trade and is subject to discontinuance, alteration

or amendment at one quarter's notice.

Section 7. Repeal:

Regulation No. 8 on Revised Industrialization Incentive Fees effective July 31, 1981, is hereby repealed.

Section 8. Effective Date:

This Regulation shall become effective on April 1, 1982, and shall be announced in the public media and be published in the FDA Newsletter.

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