

FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULATION NO. 15
REGULATION AMENDING SECTION I, II, & III
OF REGULATION NO. 14

WHEREAS, upon publication of Regulation No. 14 on "EXPORT OF LOGS AND PROCESSED WOOD", the Liberian Timber Association (LTA) submitted a Technical report regarding the implementation of the said Regulation No. 14, which said report details several constraints in the Timber Industry vis-a-vis the nation's infrastructural development - road condition, lack of adequate warehouses for processed wood at the various ports coupled with inadequate equipment at the nation's ports to handle processed wood; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the said report from the Liberian timber Association (LTA), the FDA, in consonance with the Government's policy to promote and protect investment in the forestry sector, held further consultations, dialogue and discussions on relevant issues pertinent to the implementation of Regulation No. 14 with all interested parties including Timber Producers, Exporters of Forest Products, Forestry Experts, Importers of Forest Products, Shippers and the Management of the National Port Authority with a view to ensure the continued viability of the Timber Industry; and

WHEREAS, during these consultations, dialogue and discussions certain limitations which exist in such basic infrastructure as port facilities and roads, and other other constraints in the industry - lack of credit facilities and non-availability of essential machinery and equipment locally, were emphasized, all of which affect the industry; and

WHEREAS, the Liberian Timber Association, in their report mentioned supra appealed to the Management of the FDA to reconsider certain provisions of the said Regulation No. 14 relative to the Export quota on logs and processed wood, with a view to reduce the required twenty percent (20%) quota of the processed wood component of an export log parcel which would become effective on March 1st, 1988, and to treat the twenty percent (20%) quota as a programmed target to be achieved gradually over a period of eight to ten years; and

WHEREAS, the FDA has carefully reviewed the appeal of the Liberian Timber Association as contained in the said Technical report, and recognizing the need to ensure the continued survival and sustained growth of the forestry sector, the Authority has decided to amend specific provisions of Regulation No. 14 namely Sections I, II and III; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Forestry Development Authority does hereby rule and regulate:

SECTION I. DEFINITIONS:

In this Regulation the following words shall have the meaning indicated unless the context otherwise requires;

Processed Wood: Wood products which have undergone processing other than logs, such as boules, sawn timber, plywood, veneer, furniture parts, particles board, wooden parquetry, etc;

SECTION II. EXPORT QUOTA ON LOGS AND PROCESSED WOOD:

Producers and/or Exporters of Forest Products from the Republic of Liberia shall be required to export processed wood as a component of their export parcel in the following manner:-

- (a) Effective March 1, 1988 and up to February 29, 1990, all Timber Producers and/or Exporters shall be required to export a minimum of ten percent (10%) of their Export of log parcel in processed wood;
- (b) Effective March 1, 1990 and up to February 28, 1993, all Timber Producers and/or Exporters shall be required to export a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of their export log parcel in processed wood;
- (c) Effective March 1, 1993 all Timber Producers and/or Exporters shall be required to export a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of their export log parcel in processed wood;
- (d) Boules: From March 1, 1988 to February 29, 1990, Boules shall be counted as component of the minimum required ten percent (10%) in processed wood, provided that such boules component does not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total ten percent (10%) in processed wood. Effective March 1, 1990, export of boules shall not be counted as a component of the control processed wood export parcel.

SECTION III. ISSUANCE OF EXPORT PERMIT:

The Forestry Development Authority shall not issue Export Permit to any Producer/Exporter of forest products who fails to comply with the required minimum percentages of export quota of processed wood as stated in Section II above. Export Permit for the export of logs and processed wood shall be issued by the Forestry Development Authority only after prior receipts, and due recording by the Managing Director of the FDA or his designate of the specifications of the logs and processed wood to be exported. The Managing Director or his designate shall refuse to issue the Export Permit if he is not satisfied that the Exporter has produced the required minimum percentages of processed wood as stated in Section II above.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Regulation which amends Sections I, II and III of Regulation No. 14 shall take effect September 22, 1987 and shall be announced in the public media and be published in the "FDA Newsletter".

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MONROVIA, LIBERIA
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