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FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULATION NO. 4
REGULATION OF CONTROL OF
NON-CONCESSION FOREST OPERATORS

WHEREAS, the Act creating the Forestry Development Authority (FDA-ACT), approved November 1, 1976 and published December 20, 1976, laid down as one of the primary objectives of the FDA to stop needless waste and destruction of the forest and associate natural resources and bring about the profitable harvesting of all forest products while assuring that supplies of these products are perpetuated, (Section 3 c); and

WHEREAS, said FDA-ACT charges the FDA with the responsibility for the collection of forest revenues (Section 4 (i) and 9); and

WHEREAS, said FDA-ACT has conferred upon the FDA the power to prescribe the form of all licenses, permits, agreements and other instruments dealing with the use of forest resources, as well as the power to control the issuance of such instruments, and determine the conditions under which they may be granted, exercised, produced, revoked or returned through rules and regulations (Section 4 f, j and n);

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

PART I — DEFINITIONS

Section 1 - Definitions:

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

- (a) FDA - Forestry Development Authority;
- (b) Operator - Any individual or company without a valid forest concession agreement with the Government of Liberia intending to engage in or already engaged in tree felling and harvesting for remuneration;
- (c) Permit - FDA Permit for Non-Concession Operators.

PART II — PERMIT

Section 2 - Obligatory Permit:

Subject to the provisions below, no Operator shall operate any forest in the Republic of Liberia without a valid Permit.

Section 3 - Application:

Before commencing any operations each Operator shall apply to the FDA, Management Division, Monrovia, for a Permit and supply to FDA such information in such form, as the FDA may require and prescribe from time to time, especially

- (a) Name of Individual or Company
- (b) Mailing Address and Telephone Number
- (c) Business registration

- (d) Shareholders Owners, Directors, if applicable
- (e) Personnel
- (f) Equipment and machinery
- (g) Forestry know-how
- (h) Financial resources.

Section 4 - Form and Duration of Permit:

The Permit shall have such contents and such form as FDA may prescribe from time to time. Duration shall be for one calendar year (January 1 to December 31) and it shall be non-transferable.

Section 5 - Permit Fee:

An Administrative fee of \$200 shall be paid for the Permit by each Operator and shall be paid to the FDA upon application.

Section 6 - Refusal and Withdrawal:

FDA shall have the right to refuse issuance of the Permit or to withdraw an issued Permit in the event the Operator has contravened any forestry rules and regulations or has defaulted in any obligations toward the Government of Liberia, especially is in arrears with any payments of forest fees and taxes.

Section 7 - Suspension and Penalty Fees:

7.1 FDA shall the right to suspend any Operator who commences or continues operations without a valid Permit by not supplying or withdrawing the hammer and/or the FDA-Scaler. The same shall apply to anyone who utilizes the services of an Operator without a valid Permit.

7.2 Any Operator who fells any tree without a valid Permit shall pay three (3) times of all applicable forest fees and taxes.

PART III - EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 8 - Effective Date:

This Regulation shall become effective on April 15, 1979, and shall be announced in the public media and be published in the FDA Newsletter.

Monrovia, Liberia, March 23, 1979.

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