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NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No.7/2026/F&WLD *Dated Thiruvananthapuram,16th February, 2026*

S. R. O. No. 195/2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 39 and 76 of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) and in supersession of the rules issued by notification under G.O.(P)No. 2/2021/F&WLD dated 12th February, 2021 and published as S.R.O. No. 162/2021 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 727 dated 12th February, 2021, the

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Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules, namely:-

RULES

1.Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be called the Kerala Forest (Regulation of Sawmills and Other Wood-based Industrial Units) Rules, 2026. (2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.-(1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-

(a) "Act" means the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (Act 4 of 1962);

(b) "Appellate Authority" means the Appellate Authority under sub-rule (2) of rule 18;

(c) "Authorised Officer" means a Forest Officer authorized by the Government of Kerala under sub-rule (2) of rule 3;

(d) "Central Empowered Committee" means the Committee constituted by the Supreme Court of India in accordance with its Order dated 9th May, 2002 and 9th September, 2002 in Writ Petitions (Civil) Nos. 202 of 1995 and 171 of 1996;

(e) "Form" means a form appended to these rules;

(f) "furniture unit" means plants and machinery and the premises including the precincts thereof in which or in any part thereof wood-based finished products are manufactured using sawn timber, cane, bamboo, reed, plywood or any other wood-based product, except a round log, outsourced from licensed wood-based industrial unit or other legitimate sources and operating without a band saw or re-saw or circular saw of more than thirty centimetre diameter;

(g) "Government" means the Government of Kerala;

(h) "Imported wood" means wood imported from outside the country under a valid licence for the purpose issued by a competent authority under the Government of India;

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(i) “industrial estate” means an area notified by either the State or the Government of India for establishment of wood-based industrial units;

(j) “licence” means a licence issued under these rules and includes the licences issued under the Kerala Forest (Regulation of Sawmills and Other Wood-based Industrial Units) Rules, 2012 and the Kerala Forest (Regulation of Sawmills and Other Wood-based Industrial Units) Rules, 2021;

(k) “licence fee” means the fee paid for the grant of a licence and for the renewal of the same;

(l) “Net Inter-State Import of Timber for Wood-based Industrial Unit” means three years moving average of the net quantity of such timber actually imported in the State during the latest three calendar years;

(m) “One Time Payment (OTP)” means the one-time charge levied for the permission to operate a wood-based industrial unit;

(n) "person" includes any owner of a sawmill or wood-based industrial unit, his authorized agent, a company, a firm, an association of individuals or a co-operative society registered or deemed to have been registered under the Kerala Co-operative Societies Act, 1969 (21 of 1969);

(o) “Primary machinery” includes band saw, re-saw and circular saw in case of Category I and Category IV, peeling machine in case of Category III and Category VI.

(p) “Principal Chief Conservator of Forests” means the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force of the State;

(q) “round log” means a piece of wood in its natural form, having mid-girth of thirty centimetre or more underbark and it includes such round log even after its bark has been removed or its surface has been dressed, manually or by using a band saw or any other machine or equipment to

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make its cross-section square or near square for the purpose of facilitating its transportation and/or storage;

(r) "sawmill" means plants and machinery in a fixed structure or enclosure, for conversion of round logs into sawn timber and the premises including the precints thereof;

(s) "sawn timber" means beams, scantlings, planks, battens and such other product obtained from sawing of a round log;

(t) "Schedule" means a schedule appended to these rules;

(u) "Scheduled Tree" means those species of trees included in the schedule notified under G.O.(P)No. 40/2006/F&WLD dated, 14.11.2006 and published as S.R.O No. 797/2006 in the Kerala Gazette as amended from time to time and specified under sub-section (3) of section 6 of the Kerala Promotion of Tree Growth in Non-Forest Areas Act, 2005(46 of 2005);

(v) "small scale wood industries" means an industrial unit for manufacturing furniture using sawn timber obtained from licensed sawmills or other legitimate sources and operating with band saw and/or re-saw below 5 Horse Power and includes the units licensed under Category II (Small scale furniture units) of the Kerala Forest (Regulation of Sawmills and Other Wood-based Industrial Units) Rules, 2012 or under the Kerala Forest (Regulation of Sawmills and Other Wood-based Industrial Units) Rules, 2021.

(w) "State Level Committee" means a Committee constituted by the State under rule 25;

(x) "Veneer Mill or Plywood Mill" means plants and machinery and the premises in which or in any part thereof, conversion into required size, slicing, peeling, fashioning or seasoning of timber/wood, including preservation and treatment thereof either by mechanical or chemical

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process with the aid of manual, electrical and/or mechanical power is carried out;

(y) "wood-based industrial unit" means any industrial unit which processes wood as its raw material.

(z) "legitimate source means" a source through legal means.

(2) Words and expressions used, but not defined in these rules but defined in the Act shall have the same meaning assigned to them in the Act.

3. Restriction on establishment of sawmill and other wood-based industrial units.- (1) No person shall, after the date of commencement of these rules, establish or operate a sawmill or any other wood-based industrial unit, without obtaining a licence from the Authorized Officer under these rules.

(2) The Government may, by notification, authorize a Forest Officer not below the rank of an Assistant Conservator of Forests having territorial jurisdiction over the area to be the Authorized Officer for the purpose of these rules.

(3) Any person, owning or operating a sawmill or any other wood-based industrial unit, on or before 30th October, 2002 who had failed to apply for a licence earlier due to inadvertent omission or any other reasonable cause, shall apply for a licence under these rules within a period of six months from the date of commencement of these rules.

(4) The No Objection Certificate granted by the Central Empowered Committee or the State Level Committee or the licence issued by the Authorized Officer shall be deemed to be a licence granted under these rules till the period of expiry of such No Objection Certificate or licence as the case may be.

(5) Any person, owning or operating a sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit, with a No Objection Certificate/permission from the Forest Department or No Objection Certificate issued by the Central Empowered Committee/the State Level Committee, where the validity of such permission/No Objection Certificate is not

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mentioned, shall apply for a new licence within a period of six months from the date of commencement of these rules.

(6) No sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit established after 30th October, 2002, shall be granted licence to function within an aerial distance of five kilometers from the boundary of nearest notified forests, having an extent of and above sixty hectares, but excluding roadside/railway side/canal side plantations raised under social forestry Scheme. Aerial distance of five kilometers shall not be applicable to sawmills or other wood-based industrial units owned by the Government/ public sector undertakings, or any other wood-based industrial units mentioned under Categories II, V A, VII A, IX and X. Distance restrictions specified above shall not be applicable in the case of newly notified reserved forests, provided the wood-based industrial unit was in existence prior to such notification. In case of protected areas, this shall be in accordance with the provisions of the guidelines in force.

(7) In the event of refusal of grant of licence by the Authorised Officer, the applicant may prefer an appeal within thirty days from the date of communication of the order of such refusal to the Appellate Authority as provided in sub-rule (1) of Rule 18 of these rules. In the event of failure to file an appeal within the time limit, the applicant shall forthwith stop the operation of the sawmill or the wood-based industrial unit with effect from the date of communication of the order of refusal in writing.

4. Restriction on issuance of licence to sawmill and wood-based industrial unit within five kilometers from the boundary of forest owned by Government.- (1) No Authorised Officer shall grant licence to sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit within an aerial distance of five kilometers from the boundary of any nearest notified forest or protected areas owned by the Government, except those which were established and operational on or before 30th October, 2002 and those exempted under sub-rule (7) of rule 3 of these rules.

(2) Authorised Officer may grant licence to a sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit in a municipal area, corporation area or an industrial estate

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irrespective of the aerial distance from the boundary of nearest notified forest or protected area owned by the Government, if otherwise agreeable under these rules and subject to the provisions under rule 9(1)(ii) of these rules.

(3) No Authorised Officer shall grant fresh licence to a sawmill or any other wood-based industrial unit or allow enhancement of existing licensed capacity, if the State Level Committee has not granted the approval in-principle.

(4) The Authorized Officer may grant licence to a sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit which is functioning and existing under a licence issued by the Local Self Government Institution or the licence issued by the Department of Factories and Boilers, Government of Kerala or SSI (Small Scale Industries) Registration Certificate issued by the Industries Department of the Government subject to the following conditions, namely:-

(a) It shall be allowed to continue in the present location only if it satisfies the general and special conditions specified under rules 8, 9 and 10 for grant or renewal of licence;

(b) It shall adhere to the directions issued from time to time by the Central Empowered Committee, the State Level Committee or the Government;

(c) It shall be subjected to half-yearly inspection by an officer not below the rank of a Range Forest Officer;

(d) It shall maintain the registers and documents specified under these rules.

(5) All wood based industrial units under Category V and VII already functioning or newly established within an areal distance of five kilometers from the boundary of a forest shall be categorised under V A and VII A respectively.

5. Categories of sawmills and other wood-based industrial units.- Sawmills and other wood-based industrial units shall, for the grant of licence under these rules, be

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classified into the categories as specified in Schedule A of these rules.

6. Procedure for obtaining licence.- (1) Any person operating a sawmill or wood-based industrial unit under a licence issued by the Local Self Government Institution or Copy of D and O Register maintained under the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Issue of License to Dangerous and Offensive Trades and Factories Rules, 1996 attested by the Secretary Local Self Government Institution which is treated as equivalent to a licence issued by the Local Self Government Institution or the licence issued by the Department of Factories and Boilers or Small Scale Industries Registration Certificate issued by the Industries Department, on or before 30th October, 2002, but who have not obtained a forest licence till date, shall apply within the time specified under sub-rule (3) of rule 3 along with notarized copies of the above mentioned licences to the Authorized Officer concerned in Form No. IA for obtaining a licence under sub-rule (1) of rule 7 of these rules.

(2) Any person intending to obtain a licence to establish a new sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit (except Category II) shall apply to the Authorized Officer concerned in Form No. IB for obtaining licence under sub-rule (2) of rule 7 of these rules.

(3) Application for licence of Small Scale Wood Industries (Category II) shall be submitted in Form No. ID.

(4) An application submitted to the Central Empowered Committee or to the State Level Committee for No Objection Certificate shall be deemed to be an application for licence submitted under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (2), as the case may be.

(5) Every application submitted under sub-rule (1), sub-rule (2) or sub-rule (3) shall be accompanied by an application fee as specified in these rules, which shall be paid to the Government Treasury specified for each category in Schedule B of these rules.

(6) The applicant shall furnish on demand, to the Authorized Officer or to the

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Appellate Authority or to the State Level Committee, as the case may be, any additional information or records relevant for taking a decision on the application, appeal or application for delay condonation respectively.

7. Grant of licence.- (1) The Authorized Officer shall, on receipt of an application under sub-rule (1) of rule 6, within a period of ninety days from the date of receipt of application, after conducting such inquiries, or causing such inquiries as he thinks fit and calling for additional information or records, if any, required, as the case may be, decide thereon subject to rules 8 and 9 of these rules.

(2) The Authorized Officer shall, on receipt of an application under sub-rule (2) of rule 6, within a period of ninety days from the date of receipt of the application after conducting such inquiries, or causing such inquiries as he thinks fit and calling for additional information or records, if any, required, as the case may be, decide thereon, subject to rules 8 and 9 of these rules, provided the State Level Committee has conveyed its in-principle approval to such location and category.

(3) The Authorized Officer shall, on receipt of an application under sub-rule (3) of rule 6, within a period of sixty days from the date of receipt of the application after conducting such inquiries, or cause such inquires as he thinks fit and calling for additional information or records, if any, required, as the case may be, decide thereon, subject to rules 8 and 9 of these rules.

(4) Where an application under sub-rule (1), (2) or (3) of rule 6 is allowed, the applicant is liable to pay licence fee and One Time Payment at the rates specified in Schedules C and D respectively. In case of category change, the difference in One Time Payment amount shall be borne by the applicant, and shall not be eligible for refund of One Time Payment already remitted.

(5) A licence issued pursuant to an application under sub-rule (1) of rule 6 shall be in Form No. IIA, and sub-rule (2) of rule 6 shall be in Form No. IIB, and sub-rule (3) of rule 6 shall be in Form No. IID.

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8. General conditions for grant of licence.- (1) The grant of any licence under these rules shall be subject to the following general conditions, namely:-

(i) the applicant shall not be a person convicted of any offence punishable under the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) or the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) or any other enactment relating to the protection of environment or conservation of biological diversity or the rules made thereunder:

Provided that if the applicant was convicted and sentenced to a fine only upto ten thousand rupees, the provisions of this clause shall not be applicable after a period of two years from the date of payment of the full amount of fine:

Provided further that the exemption under the first proviso shall not be applicable if he was convicted and sentenced for any such subsequent offence;

(ii) the applicant shall be in lawful possession of the land wherein the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit is situated/proposed to be situated;

(iii) the sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit shall be subject to periodic inspection, at least once in six months, by an officer not below the rank of a Range Forest Officer;

(iv) every licensee of such sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall keep and maintain registers, documents and accounts in Form Nos VIIIA, VIIIB, VIIIC, VIIID and VIIIE, as may be applicable, as required under these rules and the electricity bills paid in respect of such unit shall be produced on demand to the forest officers for inspection;

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(v) every licensee of such sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall maintain the particulars of raw materials sourced through import or inter-state purchase and shall enter the specific details of source in the Receipt Register in Form No. VIIIA. The net quantity of such wood imported or sourced through inter-state purchase, shall be entered in online module, created for the purpose;

(vi) the period of licence granted afresh or renewed under these rules shall be five years for all sawmill and other wood-based industrial units;

(vii) the application for renewal of licence under sub-rule (1) of rule 10 shall be submitted at least three months prior to the date of expiry of the licence;

(viii) the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall function in a building having building number issued by the Local Self Government Institution or in a portion thereof;

(ix) a sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit licensed for a particular category shall not be converted into any other category without obtaining a fresh licence;

(x) the capacity of sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit shall not be enhanced, without prior permission of the Authorized Officer;

(xi) licensee of any sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit may replace any machinery with its equivalent or automate such industry without any power enhancement, provided the same shall be intimated to the Authorized Officer within a period of thirty days from such replacement or automation, as the case may be;

(xii) any licence issued under these rules shall not be transferred without the written permission of the Authorized Officer under rule 15;

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(xiii) sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit and its premises shall always be made accessible to the forest officers for inspection;

(xiv) sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall not engage in any activity causing health hazard to the local population;

(xv) licensee shall not indulge in any activity which will cause any harm to timber wealth or biological diversity of the State.

(2) The sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall not function without a licence and shall be closed down forthwith on the expiry of the period of licence or on cancellation or suspension of such licence.

(3) Provisions in the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 (Central Act 14 of 1981) the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 (Central Act 6 of 1974), the Environmental Protection Act, 1986 (Central Act 29 of 1986) and the rules made thereunder shall be applicable to the units established under these rules.

(4) For Category II units having a total machine capacity of or below 5 Horse Power, in lieu of certificate from the Pollution Control Board, clearance from the Health authorities shall be sufficient.

9. Special terms and conditions applicable for grant of licence to sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit under various categories.- The licence issued to sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit under these rules shall also be subject to the special terms and conditions stipulated hereunder for various categories specified in Schedule A

(1) Category - I :Sawmills using all types of wood.-

(i) All units under this category which were functioning prior to 30th October, 2002 with a licence from Local Self Government Institution or licence issued by the Department of Factories and Boilers or Small Scale Industries Registration Certificate issued by the Industries Department

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shall be eligible for licence, subject to the conditions specified in this regard. Copy of D and O Trade Register maintained under the Kerala Panchat Raj (Issue of Licence to Dangerous and Offensive Trades and Factories Rules, 1996 attested by the Secretary, Local Self Government Institution shall be treated as equivalent to a licence issued by the Local Self Government Institution.

(ii) Any unit under this category which started functioning after 30th October, 2002 shall be treated as fresh entity and will be given licence only after assessing the availability of wood from all sources by the State Level Committee and on satisfaction that adequate quantity of wood for the unit is available, from time to time.

(iii) A sawmill and a furniture unit that were functioning together in the same premises prior to 30th October, 2002 shall continue as such while in other cases they shall not be located in the same premises.

(iv) The State Level Committee is authorized to allow such number of licences in such panchayat/municipality/corporation against cancellation of licences.

(2) Category - II :Small scale wood industries.-

The small scale wood industries,-

(i) shall use only sawn timber from licenced saw mills or from other legitimate sources;

(ii) may use bamboos, reeds and canes from legitimate sources;

(iii) shall not convert round logs;

(iv) may use band saw or re-saw or circular saw of not more than 30 cm diameter operating of and below the capacity of 5 Horse Power, wood planer machines, lathe special tools, equipment and hand tools for making products;

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(v) shall submit a notarized undertaking to the effect that the licensee shall abide by all the conditions as above;

(vi) should be of an overall machine capacity of 5 Horse Power and above.

(3) Category – III : Units for manufacturing products such as match splints, match box, pencil slat and photo frame.-

(i) All units under this category which were functioning prior to 30th October, 2002 with a licence from Local Self Government Institution or licence issued by the Department of Factories and Boilers or Small Scale Industries Registration Certificate issued by the Industries Department, shall be eligible for licence, subject to conditions specified in this regard. Copy of D and O Trade Register maintained under the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Issue of Licence to Dangerous and Offensive Trade and Factories) Rules, 1996 attested by the Secretary Local Self Government Institution shall be treated as equivalent to a licence issued by the Local Self Government Institution.

(ii) Any unit under this category which started functioning after 30th October, 2002 shall be treated as a fresh entity and will be given licence only after assessing the availability of wood from all sources by the State Level Committee and on satisfaction that adequate quantity of wood for the unit is available, from time to time.

(iii) The State Level Committee is authorized to allow such number of licences in such panchayat/municipality/corporation against cancellation of the existing licences.

(4) Category – IV :Wood-based industrial units using all types of wood for manufacturing products such as packing case, block board, tea chest and wood shavings/chips.-

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(i) All units under this category which were functioning prior to 30th October, 2002 with a licence from Local Self Government Institution or licence issued by the Department of Factories and Boilers or Small Scale Registration Certificate issued by the Industries Department shall be eligible for licence, subject to conditions specified in this regard. Copy of D and O Trade Register maintained under the Kerala PanchayatRaj (Issue of Licence to Dangerous and Offensive Trade and Factories) Rules, 1996 attested by the Secretary Local Self Government Institution shall be treated as equivalent to a licence issued by the Local Self Government Institution.

(ii) Any unit under this category which started functioning after 30th October, 2002 shall be treated as a fresh entity and will be given licence only after assessing the availability of wood from all sources by the State Level Committee and on satisfaction that adequate quantity of wood for this unit is available, from time to time.

(iii) The State Level Committee is authorized to allow such number of licences in such panchayat/municipality/corporation against cancellation of the existing licences.

(5) Category-V : Wood-based industrial units manufacturing products such as packing case, block board, tea chest and wood shavings/chips using Scheduled Trees [except Anjili (Artocarpus hirsuta), Matti (Ailanthus Spp.) and Pala (Alstonia scholaris)] and/or Poplar (Populus Spp.), Silver Oak (Grevillea robusta), Badam (Terminalia catappa).-

i. All units under this category which were functioning prior to 30th October, 2002 with a licence from Local Self Government Institution or licence issued by the Department of Factories and Boilers or Small Scale Industries Registration Certificate issued by the Industries Department

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shall be eligible for licence, subject to the conditions to be specified in this regard. Copy of D and O Trade Register maintained under the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Issue of Licence to Dangerous and Offensive Trades and Factories) Rules, 1996 attested by the Secretary, Local Self Government Institution shall be treated as equivalent to licence issued by the Local Self Government Institution.

ii. Any unit under this category which started functioning after 30th October, 2002 shall be treated as a fresh entity and will be issued with the licence if otherwise eligible.

iii. An undertaking shall be given by the applicant that he shall use only Scheduled Trees except Anjili *(Artocarpus hirsuta)*, Matti *(Ailanthus Spp.)* and Pala *(Alstonia scholaris)* in the unit.

iv. Any contravention of the sub-rule (iii) above, shall lead to the cancellation of such licence.

(6) Category- VA : Rubber wood based industrial unit for manufacturing products such as packing case, block board, tea chest .–

(i) All units under this category which were functioning prior to 30th October, 2002 with a licence from Local Self Government Institution or licence issued by the Department of Factories and Boilers or SSI Registration Certificate issued by the Industries Department shall be eligible for licence, subject to the conditions to be specified in this regard. Copy of D and O Trade Register maintained under the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Issue of Licence to Dangerous and Offensive Trades and Factories) Rules, 1996 attested by the Secretary, Local Self Government Institution shall be treated as equivalent to licence issued by the Local Self Government Institution.

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(ii) Any unit under this category which started functioning after 30th October, 2002 shall be treated as a fresh entity and will be issued with the licence if otherwise eligible.

(iii) An undertaking shall be given by the applicant that he shall use only rubber wood in the unit.

(iv) Any contravention to the sub-rule(iii) above, shall lead to the cancellation of such licence.

(7) Category - VI :Wood-based industrial unit using all types of wood for manufacturing products such as veneer, plywood and particle board which use round log as raw material.-

(i) All units under this category which were functioning prior to 30th October, 2002 with a licence from Local Self Government Institution or licence issued by the Department of Factories and Boilers or Small Scale Industries Registration Certificate issued by the Industries Department shall be eligible for licence, subject to conditions specified in this regard. Copy of D and O Trade Register maintained under the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Issue of Licence to Dangerous and Offensive Trade and Factories) Rules, 1996 attested by Secretary, Local Self Government Institution shall be treated as equivalent to licence issued by the Local Self Government Institution.

(ii) Any unit under this category which started functioning after 30th October, 2002 shall be treated as fresh entity and will be given licence only after assessing the availability of wood from all sources by the State Level Committee and on satisfaction that adequate quantity of wood for this unit is available, from time to time.

(iii) The State Level Committee is authorized to allow such number of licences in such panchayat/municipality/corporation against cancellation of licences.

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(8) Category – VII : Wood-based industrial units for manufacturing products such as furniture, veneer, plywood and particle board using Scheduled Trees [except Anjili (Artocarpus hirsuta), Matti (Ailanthus Spp.) and Pala (Alstonia scholaris)] and/or Poplar (Populus Spp.), Silver Oak (Grevillea robusta), Badam (Terminalia catappa).-

(i) All units under this category which were functioning prior to 30th October, 2002 with a licence from Local Self Government Institution or licence issued by the Department of Factories and Boilers or Small Scale Industries Registration Certificate issued by the Industries Department shall be eligible for licence, subject to the conditions specified in this regard. Copy of D and O Trade Register maintained under the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Issue of Licence to Dangerous and Offensive Trades and Factories) Rules, 1996 attested by Secretary, Local Self Government Institution shall be treated as equivalent to licence issued by the Local Self Government Institution.

(ii) Any unit under this category which started functioning after 30th October, 2002 shall be treated as a fresh entity and will be issued with the licence if otherwise eligible.

(iii) An undertaking shall be given by the applicant that they shall use only Scheduled Trees except Anjili *(Artocarpus hirsuta)*, Matti *(Ailanthus Spp.)* and Pala *(Alstonia scholaris)* in the unit.

(iv) Any contravention of sub-rule (iii) above, shall lead to the cancellation of such licence.

(9) Category – VIIA : Wood-based industrial unit using exclusively rubber wood for manufacturing products such as furniture, veneer, plywood and particle board.-

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(i) All units under this category which were functioning prior to 30th October, 2002 with a licence from Local Self Government Institution or licence issued by the Department of Factories and Boilers or Small Scale Industries Registration Certificate issued by the Industries Department shall be eligible for licence, subject to the conditions to be specified in this regard. Copy of D and O Trade Register maintained under the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Issue of Licence to Dangerous and Offensive Trades and Factories) Rules, 1996 attested by the Secretary, Local Self Government Institution shall be treated as equivalent to licence issued by the Local Self Government Institution.

(ii) Any unit under this category which started functioning after 30th October, 2002 shall be treated as a fresh entity and will be issued with the licence if otherwise eligible.

(iii) An undertaking shall be given by the applicant that he shall use only rubber wood in the unit.

(iv) Any contravention to the sub-rule (iii) above, shall lead to the cancellation of such licence.

(10) Category - VIII: Wood-based industrial units using exclusively imported wood.-

(i) All units under this category which were functioning prior to 30th October, 2002 with a licence from Local Self Government Institution or licence issued by the Department of Factories and Boilers or with Small Scale Industries Registration Certificate issued by the Industries Department, shall be eligible for licence, subject to the conditions specified in this regard. Copy of D and O Trade Register maintained under the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Issue of Licence to Dangerous and Offensive Trade and Factories) Rules, 1996 attested by the Secretary, Local Self Government

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Institution shall be treated as equivalent to licence issued by the Local Self Government Institution.

(ii) Any unit under this category which started functioning after 30th October, 2002 shall be treated as fresh entity and will be issued licence only after producing the documents relating to the source of imported wood by the applicant to the Authorized Officer and on satisfaction that adequate quantity of wood for the unit is available, from time to time.

(iii) The Authorized Officer shall maintain a separate list of wood-based industrial unit working solely on imported wood. The licence to such industries shall specifically stipulate a condition to the effect that such units shall not be allowed to use timber produced in the country. If in future, such units desire to use timber produced in the country on account of abundant availability they shall apply for a fresh licence under relevant category to the Authorized Officer to that effect, subject to the in-principle approval of the State Level Committee.

(iv) Licences for units which operate solely on imported raw materials may be granted by the Authorized Officer irrespective of the result of wood availability assessment in the State.

(v) An undertaking shall be given by the applicant that they shall use only imported wood in the units.

(vi) Any contravention of sub-rule (v) above, shall lead to the cancellation of such licence.

(vii) Particulars of timber imported to the State shall be maintained by such units.

(11) Category - IX : Institutions which impart training in wood processing and carpentry.-

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(i) The units shall function only for imparting training cum facilitation to entrepreneurs and skilled workers in the field of wood processing and carpentry.

(ii) A certificate from the competent authority in the Department of Education or in the Department of Industries and Commerce or in the Department of Employment and Training or in any other Department in Government with copy of the approved project report shall be produced before the Authorized Officer.

(iii) Quarterly report on the trainings conducted with details of the trainees shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer, who in turn shall submit an annual report to the State Level Committee.

(iv) Renewal of licence shall be based on the result of inspection and evaluation of performance of the institution by the Authorized Officer.

(v) Where the institution is found to engage in production or marketing of wood-based products, other than those incidental to training, such units shall be re-classified into appropriate category based on their activities and end products and shall be subject to such rules and conditions as applicable to the changed category, if otherwise eligible.

(vi) If such units are found not eligible for change into any other category, it shall be closed forthwith.

(12) Category – X: Wood-based industrial unit processing coconut palm and/or palmyra wood.-

(i) All units under this category which were functioning prior to 30th October, 2002 with a licence from Local Self Government Institution or licence issued by the Department of Factories and Boilers or Small Scale Industries Registration Certificate issued by the Industries Department shall be issued licence, subject to the conditions specified in this regard. Copy of D and O Trade Register maintained under the Kerala Panchayat

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Raj (Issue of Licence to Dangerous and Offensive Trades and Factories) Rules, 1996 attested by the Secretary, Local Self Government Institution shall be treated as equal to licence issued by the Local Self Government Institution.

(ii) Any unit under this category which started functioning after 30th October, 2002 will be issued licence if otherwise eligible.

(iii) An undertaking shall be given by the applicant that he shall use only coconut and/or palmyra wood in the unit.

(iv) Any contravention to the sub-rule (iii) above, shall lead to the cancellation of such licence.

(13) Category –XI : Other types of wood based industries including wood treatment plants.-

(i) All units under this category which were functioning prior to 30th October, 2002 with a licence from Local Self Government Institution or licence issued by the Department of Factories and Boilers or Small Scale Industries Registration Certificate issued by the Industries Department shall be eligible for licence, subject to the conditions specified in this regard. Copy of D and O Register maintained under the Kerala Panchayat Raj (Issue of Licence to Dangerous and Offensive Trade and Factories) Rules, 1996 attested by the Secretary, Local Self Government Institution shall be treated as equivalent to a licence issued by the Local Self Government Institution.

(ii) Any unit under this category which started functioning after 30th October, 2002 shall be treated as a fresh entity and will be given licence only after assessing the availability of wood from all sources by the State Level Committee and on satisfaction that adequate quantity of wood for the unit is available, from time to time:

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Provided that verification of availability of wood from legitimate sources would not be required in case of industries where the raw materials are sourced from other licenced wood-based industries.

(iii) An undertaking shall be given by the applicant that he shall use only wood from legitimate source in the unit.

(iv) Any contravention to the sub-rule (iii) above, shall lead to the cancellation of such licence.

10.Renewal of licence- (1) Any person issued with a licence under these rules shall apply for renewal of the same, three months prior to the date of expiry of such licence, in accordance with the provisions of these rules:

Provided that the applications for renewal of licence received within three months from the date of expiry of the period of licence shall be considered after realising a late fee for each month/or part thereof as specified for the respective category in Schedule B.

(2) An application for renewal of licence shall be made by the licensee in Form No. 1C to the authorized officer prior to three months from the date of expiry of the validity of licence, along with the application fee specified in Schedule B.

(3) The Authorized Officer shall follow the procedure specified in these rules and may renew or reject the application for renewal within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the application.

(4) Where the applicant does not satisfy the conditions required for the renewal of the licence, the Authorized Officer shall within a period of ninety days from the date of receipt of application, reject the application by recording the reasons thereof, after affording the applicant a reasonable opportunity of being heard and such reasons shall be communicated to the applicant in writing.

(5) An application for renewal may be rejected for any of the following reasons, namely:

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(i) any statement submitted by the applicant for the renewal of licence is found incorrect or materially false;

(ii) the applicant has violated the terms and conditions of the existing licence;

(iii) the applicant has been convicted for violating any of the provisions of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) or the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) or any other enactments relating to the protection of environment or conservation of biological diversity or the rules made thereunder:

Provided that the bar under clause (iii) of sub-rule (4) for renewal of licence shall not be applicable if the licensee is punished for any such first offence with a fine only of not more than ten thousand rupees:

Provided further that the State Level Committee may, considering the nature and gravity of the offence committed and stating the reason thereof, withhold the application for licence for a period not exceeding two years as it deems fit:

Provided also that the exemption under the first proviso shall not be applicable if the licensee is punished for any such subsequent offences.

(iv) failure to comply with the general and special terms and conditions specified in rule 8 and 9 of these rules.

(6) Where there is no change in the nature, character, legal status, or change in any other manner, in respect of the existing industrial unit applied for renewal of licence, the applicant shall, along with the application for licence, submit an affidavit stating that there is no such change in respect of the industrial unit. If any affidavit submitted is wrong or containing mistaken facts or suppressing any material facts, the licence shall be liable to be cancelled unless otherwise decided by the State Level Committee.

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11. *Procedure for renewal of licence.*– (1) The application for renewal of licence shall be submitted in Form No. IC to the Authorized Officer concerned.

(2) The application under sub-rule (1) shall be accompanied by the fee specified in Schedule B.

(3) The fee for renewal of licence shall be remitted in the Government Treasury by Chalan or by demand draft or by such other mode of remittance approved by the Government.

(4) The Authorized Officer shall make necessary inquiries and inspections or cause such inquiries and inspections to verify the correctness of the facts stated in the application and either renew the licence or reject the application for renewal. The renewed licence shall be issued in Form No. IIC.

(5) The renewed licence granted under sub-rule (4) shall be valid for a period of five years.

12. Enhancing the capacity of a sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit.– No person shall enhance the capacity of any sawmill or wood-based industrial unit except as hereinafter provided for:

(i) An application for enhancing the capacity of sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall be made in Form No. III along with the declaration contained therein and the application fee specified for the purpose in Schedule B to the Authorized Officer.

(ii) The Authorized Officer may allow the application for power enhancement of categories I, III, IV and VI, provided in-principle approval from State Level Committee for such enhancement on the basis of wood balance study report or against cancellation of existing such licences in such panchayat/ municipality/corporation is available:

Provided such enhancement on the basis of wood balance study reports would be necessitated only in case of primary machinery used for the initial conversion of wood for the respective category. Applications for

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enhancement of power for categories II, V, VA, VII, VIIA, VIII, IX, X and XI may be decided by the Authorized Officer after making due inquiries and inspections as he thinks fit and proper.

(iii) The Authorized Officer shall, on receipt of an application under clause (ii), after conducting such inquiries as he thinks fit and calling for additional information or records, if any, decide on the application for categories II, V, VA, VII, VIIA, VIII, IX, X and XI within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the application and for categories I, III, IV and VI within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the decision of the State Level Committee. In case the application is to be rejected, the applicant is to be heard prior to such decision and the Authorized Officer shall inform the applicant of the grounds for such rejection in writing.

13. Shifting of a sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit.- (1) No person shall shift the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit to a different building or place without the permission of the Authorized Officer.

(2) The application for shifting the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit from one building to another or from one place to other shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer stating the reasons thereof in Form No. IV along with the declaration contained therein and with the fee specified for the purpose in Schedule B. Any such application shall be accompanied by the necessary particulars as may be sought by the Authorised Officer including Non Objection Certificate from the Local Self Government Institution, Health and Pollution Control Board from the place to which the industry is sought to be shifted.

(3) Where the place to which the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit proposed to be shifted is within the jurisdiction of the Division, the Authorised Officer shall, after making such inquiry or cause such inquiry as he deems fit, take a decision thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of such applications which is complete

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in all respect. The Authorised Officer may allow the application or reject the same . In case the application is to be rejected, the applicant is to be heard prior to such decision and the Authorized Officer shall inform the applicant of the grounds for such rejection in writing.

(4) In the case of applications for shifting of sawmills or other wood-based industrial units is from the jurisdiction of one Authorised Officer to another, the Authorised Officer at the place of the existing unit shall forward the application which is complete in all respects inclusive of the required documents, to the Authorised Officer under whose jurisdiction the unit is proposed to be shifted, within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of the application and the latter shall after making necessary inquiries/inspections shall forward it with recommendations to the State Level Committee within a period of sixty days from the date of receipt of the application, for prior approval of the Committee. In case the application is to be rejected, the applicant is to be heard by the Authorized Officer prior to such a decision and he shall be informed of the grounds for such rejection in writing.

(5) No Authorized Officer shall permit inter-division shifting of sawmills or other wood-based industrial units without prior approval of the State Level Committee.

14. Changing the name and style of a sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit.-(1) No person shall change the name and style of the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit without the written permission of the Authorized Officer.

(2) The application for changing the name and style of the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall be submitted to the Authorised Officer in Form No. V stating the reasons thereof together with the fee specified for the purpose in Schedule B.

(3) The Authorized Officer shall, after making such inquiry or cause as he deems fit, allow the application or reject the same within sixty days from the date of receipt of the application. In case the application is to be rejected, the applicant is to be heard by the Authorised Officer prior to such a decision and shall be informed of the

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grounds for such rejection in writing.

(4) The Authorised Officer shall intimate the details of change of name and style of sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit to the State Level Committee on half yearly basis.

15. Transfer of licence on sale/succession, lease/mortgage *etc of a sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit.-* No transfer of licence on sale/succession, lease/mortgage etc of a sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall be effected except as hereinafter provided for:-

(i) The application for transfer of licence of sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer in Form No.VI with the fee specified for the purpose in Schedule B, along with proof of such transfer.

(ii) Where the transfer of licence is due to inheritance consequent to the demise of the holder, the applicant shall produce the following documents before the Authorized Officer, along with the application for transfer of licence, namely:-

(a) attested copy of the Death Certificate;

(b) Legal heir-ship Certificate or Succession Certificate issued by the competent authority;

(c) duly notarized consent from other legal heirs expressing their willingness for transfer of licence in favour of the applicant.

(iii) No transfer of licence by sale, lease, mortgage or by any other means except for succession shall be permitted by the Authorized Officer without prior approval of the State Level Committee.

(iv) In case of transfer by succession, the Authorized Officer shall, after making such inquiry or cause such inquiry as he deems fit, decide thereon within thirty days of receipt of the application. In case of all other

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applications the Authorized Officer shall within sixty days cause necessary inquiries and submit the recommendations on the same to the State Level Committee for its prior consideration and the Authorized Officer shall communicate the decision thereon within thirty days of receipt of the approval of the State Level Committee. In case the application is to be rejected, the applicant is to be heard by the Authorized Officer prior to such a decision and shall be informed of the grounds for such rejection in writing.

16. Suspension of licence.-(1) Where the Authorised Officer has reason to believe that the licensee has violated any of the terms and conditions of the licence specified in these rules or has committed any offence under the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) or the WildLife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) or any other enactment relating to the protection of environment or conservation of biological diversity or the rules made thereunder, the Authorized Officer may at his discretion after recording the reasons thereof in writing, suspend the licence.

(2) Any order suspending the licence of a sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall be communicated to the licensee in writing specifying the reasons thereof and directing the licensee to show cause within thirty days from the date of receipt as to why further process for cancellation of the licence shall not be initiated.

(3) Where the explanation offered by the licensee is found satisfactory, the Authorized Officer may revoke the order of suspension of licence after getting the defects, if any, rectified and after realising the fee for restoration of licence specified in Schedule B.

(4) Where the explanation furnished by the licensee is found not satisfactory, the Authorized Officer shall take further steps for cancellation of the licence under rule 17.

17. Cancellation of licence.- (1) The Authorised Officer may for sufficient and valid reasons to be recorded in writing, cancel a licence granted under these rules, if he

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is convinced that the licence was obtained by misrepresentation or suppression of any material fact which would otherwise have disentitled the licensee from obtaining the licence or in the event of the licensee having violated any of the terms and conditions of the licence. No order of cancellation of licence shall be passed by the Authorised Officer without giving a reasonable opportunity of being heard to the licensee in person and without communicating the reasons for such cancellation in writing to him.

(2) The Authorised Officer may also cancel any licence issued under these rules on receipt of a report from the State Pollution Control Board to the effect that the unit is causing health hazard to the people. Such cancellation shall not be effected unless the licensee is offered a chance to be heard and allowed to rectify the defects pointed to within a period not exceeding fifteen days from the date of such communication. In the interregnum, the functioning of the unit shall remain suspended.

(3) The licence issued under these rules is also liable to be cancelled if the licensee is found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction or a competent authority in an offence punishable under the provisions of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) or the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) or any other enactment relating to the protection of environment or conservation of biological diversity or the rules made thereunder:

Provided that no such licence shall be cancelled if the licensee is punished for any such first offence with a fine only for not more than ten thousand rupees :

Provided further that the State Level Committee may, considering the nature and gravity of the offence committed and stating the reasons thereof, suspend the licence for a period not exceeding two years as it deems fit:

Provided also that the exemption under the first proviso shall not be given in the case of subsequent offences.

(4) The applicant shall close down the operation of the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit forthwith on receipt of an order of cancellation of licence by the Authorised Officer, unless allowed by the Appellate Authority.

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18. Appeal.-(1) Any person aggrieved by the order of the Authorised Officer may prefer an appeal in Form No. VII before the Appellate Authority within thirty days from the date of receipt of such order and the Appellate Authority may consider and dispose of the same within a period of sixty days from the date of receipt of the appeal:

Provided that the Appellate Authority may admit an appeal presented after the expiry of the said period of thirty days, if it is satisfied that the appellant is prevented by sufficient cause from presenting the appeal in time, for a further period of sixty days.

(2) For the purpose of these rules, the Officer in charge of the Circle having territorial jurisdiction over the area and having administrative control over the Authorized Officer shall be the Appellate Authority.

(3) Fee for preferring an appeal shall be realized at the rates specified in Schedule B.

(4) The Appellate Authority shall enter the particulars of appeals received by it in the Register of Appeals prescribed in Form No. IX C.

(5) The Appellate Authority shall have the power to stay the operation of the order of the Authorised Officer against which the appeal has been preferred, till a final order in the appeal is passed.

(6) The Appellate Authority shall, after giving the appellant an opportunity of being heard and on scrutiny of the relevant records, pass an order, within sixty days from the date of receipt of the appeal, confirming, amending or rescinding the orders appealed against, as it deems fit and the order passed in this regard shall be final.

19. Revision.-The Government may, *suo moto* or on an application preferred before it by any person aggrieved by the order of an Appellate Authority, call for the records of such appeal and if it appears to the Government that the order is improper or illegal, the government may pass such orders as it deems fit.

20. Power to close down a sawmill or wood-based industrial unit.-The Authorized Officer shall order to shut down any sawmill or wood-based industrial unit which is found functioning without a valid licence.

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21. Maintenance of Registers.- (1) The Authorised Officer shall maintain a register in Form No. VIII, for the licences issued in Form No. II D.

(2) A licensee under these rules shall maintain register in Form No. VIIIA, VIIIB, VIIIC, VIIID and VIII E, whichever is applicable.

(3) The Authorized Officer shall maintain registers in Form No. IXA and IXB for the licences granted. An abstract of the same in Form X shall be furnished before the State Level Committee by the Authorised Officer on a half yearly basis.

(4) The Appellate Authority shall maintain register in Form No. IX C for the appeals received.

22. Inspection, Verification and Report.- (1) Any officer authorized by the State Level Committee or any Forest Officer not below the rank of a Range Forest Officer having jurisdiction over the area, may inspect a sawmill or any other wood-based industrial unit including its premises and verify,

(a) any licence, permit or other documents granted to the licensee and required to be maintained under the provisions of these rules;

(b) the stock of raw materials, sawn timber, manufactured products, processed wood products or any other wood product in the process of manufacture under the control, custody and possession of the licensee whether or not kept in the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit or within its premises;

(c) the machinery, equipment or tools and plants under the control, custody and possession of the licensee whether or not kept in the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit or within its premises;

(d) whether the licensee has paid all dues of the unit as specified in these rules.

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(2) During inspection and verification, the licensee or his authorized agent, employees and workers shall be duty bound to provide all assistance to the inspecting official/officials and show all materials, machinery, and produce documents and records under his control, custody or possession, whether kept in the premises of the unit or not, as may be required.

(3) The Authorized Officer shall furnish a monthly report to the State Level Committee regarding the payment of various fee specified in these rules and the One Time Payment made through that Division in Form No. XI A.

(4) The Appellate Authority shall send a quarterly report to the State Level Committee regarding the payment with respect to appeals in Form No. XI B.

23. Exemption for wood-based cottage industrial units and ordinary operations of artisans and traditional workers engaged in carpentry including furniture unit.-Nothing contained in these rules shall apply to the ordinary operations of a wood-based cottage industrial unit or charcoal making unit or firewood depot or artisans or traditional workers engaged in carpentry for making products such as furniture, household articles, curios, farm implements, handicrafts and musical instruments, using sawn timber, cane, bamboo, reed, plywood or any other wood-based product, except a round log, outsourced from licensed wood-based industrial unit or other legal sources and operating without a band saw or re-saw or circular saw of more than thirty centimeter diameter. Small scale wood industries with an overall machine capacity below 5 Horse Power do not need a licence to function under these rules.

24. Licensee to exhibit board.- Any person owning and operating a sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit with valid licence obtained from the Forest Department shall exhibit a conspicuous board with name and licence number with date therein of a size not less than 90 cm x 60 cm.

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25. Constitution of State Level Committee.- (1) The Government shall constitute a State Level Committee for performing the functions stipulated in these rules.

(2) The State Level Committee shall consist of the following persons, namely:-

(a) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force:Chairperson

(b) A representative of the Regional office of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change :Member

(c) A representative of the State Forest Department not below the rank of a Conservator of Forests dealing with preparation of working plans/ working schemes :Member

(d) Director/Additional Director of the Department of Industries :Member

(e) Managing Director of the Kerala Forest Development Corporation or his nominee :Member

(f) An officer in the rank of Conservator of Forests from Special Afforestation :Member [Secretary]

(g) An officer from Territorial wing of the Forest Department not below the rank of Conservator of Forests co-opted by the State Level Committee :Member

(h) An officer from the Department of Agriculture not below the rank of Joint Director co-opted by the State Level Committee :Member

(i) An officer from the Department of Revenue not below the rank of Joint Secretary co-opted by the State Level Committee. :Member

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(3) The Committee shall meet atleast once in three months.

(4) The quorum of the Committee shall be atleast fifty percent of permanent members.

(5) The Committee shall invite one representative from the industry from a panel of nominees nominated by the saw mill association as a special invitee to each and every meeting of the State Level Committee.

26. Powers and Functions of State Level Committee.- The State Level Committee shall have the following powers and functions, namely:-

(i) Assess the availability of timber for sawmills and wood-based industrial units in the State by way of appropriate study on demand and supply every five years.

(ii) Maintain a database of timber and other raw materials utilized by each category of wood-based industrial unit permitted to establish and operate in the State during each financial year.

(iii) Approve appropriate locations for setting up of sawmills and other wood-based industrial units and approve such number of sawmills and wood-based industrial units which may be considered for grant of fresh licence or enhancement of existing licensed capacity (based on wood balance study report), in case the State Level Committee is satisfied that in such locality, sufficient timber is available legally for such number of sawmill or other wood-based industrial units.

(iv) Ensure that the amount collected as One Time Payment from sawmills and other wood-based industrial units is utilized for the purpose of afforestation, forest protection and allied activities as decided by the State Level Committee.

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(v) Examine and make appropriate recommendations on any other matter refered by the State Government or the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

27. Appeal against the decision of the State Level Committee.-(1) Any person aggrieved by the decision of the State Level Committee may prefer an appeal before the concerned Regional Office of the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change seeking appropriate relief within sixty days.

(2) Any person aggrieved by the orders so passed in the appeal, may prefer an appropriate petition/application/appeal in the High Court having jurisdiction.

28. *Penalty.*- (1) Any person contravening the provisions of these rules shall be liable to be proceeded against such contravention and shall, on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or with both.

(2) In cases where the violation is committed after making preparation for resistance to the execution of any law or any legal process, or where the offender has been previously convicted of a like offence, the convicting Magistrate may inflict double the penalty prescribed for such offence.

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SCHEDULE A

(See Rule 5 and 9)

Categories of sawmills and other wood-based industrial unit

Category I	Sawmills using all types of wood
Category II	Small scale wood industries
Category III	Units for manufacturing products such as match splints, match box, pencil slat and photo frame
Category IV	Wood-based industrial units using all types of wood for manufacturing products such as packing case, block board, tea chest and wood shavings/chips
Category V	Wood-based industrial units for manufacturing products such as packing case, block board, tea chest and wood shavings/chips using Scheduled Trees [except Anjili (Artocarpus hirsuta), Matti (Ailanthus Spp.) and Pala (Alstonia scholaris)] and/or Poplar (Populus Spp.), Silver Oak (Grevillea robusta), Badam (Terminalia catappa).
Category V A	Rubber wood based industrial unit for manufacturing products such as packing case, block board and tea chest.
Category VI	Wood-based industrial units using all types of wood for manufacturing products such as veneer, plywood and particle board which are using round log as raw material
Category VII	Wood-based industrial units for manufacturing products such as furniture, veneer, plywood and particle board using Scheduled Trees [except Anjili (Artocarpus hirsuta), Matti (Ailanthus Spp.) and Pala (Alstonia scholaris)] and/or Poplar (Populus Spp.), Silver Oak (Grevillea robusta), Badam (Terminalia catappa).
Category VII A	Wood based industrial units using exclusively rubber wood for manufacturing products such as furniture, veneer, plywood and particle board.
Category VIII	Wood-based industrial units using exclusively imported wood
Category IX	Institutions which impart training in wood processing and carpentry
Category X	Wood-based industrial units for processing coconut palm and/or palmyra wood
Category XI	Other types of wood based industries including wood treatment plants

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SCHEDULE B

[See Rules 6(5), 10(1), 10(5), 11(2), 12(2), 13(2), 14(2) 15(i) 16(3) and 18(3)]

Application fee for obtaining licence/renewal of licence/enhancing capacity/shifting/change in name and style/transfer of licence lease/mortage/restoration of licence after suspension/to prefer an appeal

Sl. No.	Purpose for which application fee is prescribed	Application fee (in Rs)
1	Obtaining licence for the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit	2000.00
2	Renewal of licence of the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit	1000.00
3	Enhancing the capacity of the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit	3000.00
4	Shifting of the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit	2000.00
5	Change in name and style of the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit	1000.00
6	Transfer of licence of the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit	2000.00
7	Restoration of licence after suspension	5000.00
8	Fee for filing appeal, if any under rule 18	2000.00
9	Late fee for submitting application for renewal for each month or part thereof for category II & X	500.00
10	Late fee for submitting application for renewal for each month or part thereof for category I, III, IV, V, VA, VI, VII, VII A, VIII, IX & XI	750.00
11	Fee for change of category	5000.00

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SCHEDULE C

[See Rule 7(4)]

Licence fee for a sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit

Sl. No.	Category	Amount (per unit) (in Rs)
1	I- Sawmill (New)	4000.00
	I- Sawmill (Renewal)	2000.00
2	II- Small scale wood industries	1250.00
3	III- Units for manufacturing products such as match splints, match box, pencil slat and photo frame	1250.00
4	IV- Wood-based industrial unit using all types of wood for manufacturing products such as packing case, block board, tea chest and wood shavings/chips (New)	3000.00
	IV-Wood-based industrial unit using all types of wood for manufacturing products such as packing case, block board and tea chest and wood shavings/chips (Renewal)	2000.00
5	V– Wood-based industrial unit for manufacturing products such as packing case, block board, tea chest and wood shavings/chips using Scheduled Trees [except Anjili (Artocarpus irsute), Matti (Ailanthus Spp.) and Pala (Alstoniascholaris)] and/or Poplar (Populus Spp.), Silver Oak (Grevillea robusta), Badam (Terminalia catappa)	4000.00
6	V A – Rubber wood based industrial unit for manufacturing products such as packing case, block board and tea chest.	4000.00
7	VI-Wood-based industrial unit using all types of wood for manufacturing products such as veneer, plywood and particle board which are using round log as raw material	4000.00
8	VII-Wood-based industrial unit for manufacturing products such as furniture, veneer, plywood and particle board using Scheduled Trees [except Anjili (Artocarpus hirsuta), Matti (Ailanthus Spp.) and Pala (Alstoniascholaris)] and/or Poplar (Populus Spp.), Silver Oak (Grevillea robusta), Badam (Terminalia catappa)	4000.00
9	VII A- Wood based industrial unit using exclusively rubber wood for manufacturing products such as furniture, veneer, plywood and particle board.	4000.00
10	VIII-Wood-based industrial unit using exclusively imported wood	4000.00
11	IX-Institutions which impart training in wood processing and	1500.00

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	carpentry	
12	X-Wood-based industrial units for processing coconut palm and/or palmyra wood	2000.00
13	XI-Other types of wood based industries including wood treatment plants	2000.00

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SCHEDULE D

[See Rule 7(4)]

One Time Payment (OTP) for a sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit

Sl. No.	Category	Amount (per unit) (in Rs)
1	Category I - Sawmill	50000.00
2	Category II- Small scale wood industries	10000.00
3	Category III-Units for manufacturing products such as match splints, match box, pencil slate and photo frame	10000.00
4	Category IV-Wood-based industrial unit using all types of wood for manufacturing products such as packing case, block board, tea chest and wood shavings/chips	50000.00
5	Category V- Wood-based industrial unit for manufacturing products such as packing case, block board, tea chest and wood shavings/chips using Scheduled Trees [except Anjili (Artocarpus hirsuta), Matti (Ailanthus Spp.) and Pala (Alstonia scholaris)] and/or Poplar (Populus Spp.), Silver Oak (Grevillea robusta), Badam (Terminalia catappa)	100000.00
6	Category V A- Rubber wood based industrial unit for manufacturing products such as packing case, block board and tea chest.	50000.00
7	Category VI-Wood-based industrial unit using all types of wood for manufacturing products such as veneer, plywood and particle board which are using round log as raw material	200000.00
8	Category VII-Wood-based industrial unit for manufacturing products such as furniture, veneer, plywood and particle board using Scheduled Trees [except Anjili (Artocarpus hirsuta), Matti (Ailanthus Spp.) and Pala (Alstonia scholaris)] and/or Poplar (Populus Spp.), Silver Oak (Grevillea robusta), Badam (Terminalia catappa)	250000.00
9	Category VII A- Wood based industrial unit using exclusively rubber wood for manufacturing products such as furniture, veneer, plywood and particle board.	200000.00
10	Category VIII-Wood-based industrial unit using exclusively imported wood.	

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	(a) Sawmill	50000.00
	(b) Small scale wood industries match splints, match box, pencil slate and photo frame	10000.00
	(c) Packing case, block board, tea chest and wood shavings/chips	50000.00
	(d) Veneer, plywood and particle board	200000.00
11	Category IX-Institutions which impart training in wood processing and carpentry (For institutions not owned and governed by the Government)	50000.00
12	Category X-Wood-based industrial unit processing Coconut palm and/or Palmyrah wood	
	(a) Sawmill	50000.00
	(b) Small scale wood industries match splints, match box, pencil slate and photo frame	10000.00
	(c) Packing case, block board, tea chest and wood shavings/chips	50000.00
	(d) Veneer, plywood and particle board	200000.00
13	Category – XI : Other types of wood based industries including wood treatment plants	10000.00

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Form No. IA

[See Rule 6(1)]

Application for Licence of sawmill or other wood based industrial unit established on or before 30th October, 2002

Category : .....

1	*Applicant:-* *Name*	:
	Father's Name	:
	Date of Birth	:
	Permanent Address with PIN	:
	Phone No:	:
	Address for Communication with PIN	
	(Enclose the address proof)	
2	*The Unit:-*	:
	Name	:
	Address	:
	Phone No	:
	Location	:
	Building No.	:
	Corporation/Municipality/Panchayat	
	Division/Ward	:
	Forest Division/Forest Range	:
3	*Land in which the unit is situated*	:
	Extent	:
	Survey No.	:
	Village	:
	Taluk	:
	District	:

4.	*Whether any other Sawmill or Wood based industrial unit converting round logs functioning in same compound*	:	*Yes*	*No*

	Timber selling Depot, if annexed	:

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	Extent	:		
	Survey No:	:		
	Village	:		
	Taluk	:		
5	Nature of ownership (' ' the right column)			
	Proprietary		Partnership	
	Private Company		Co-operative Society	
	Private-public partnership		'Lease'	
	Public Sector undertaking		Others (specify)	
* (Copies of documents to be attached)				
6	Type of unit (the right column)			
	Cottage Industry		SSI Unit	
	Medium Scale Industrial unit		Large Scale Industrial unit	
7	Nature of activity (' ' the right column)			
(a)	Primary processing of logs: i.e. processing of round logs			
	Sawing		Splint and match box	
	Veneering/Peeling		Others (specify)	
(b)	Secondary Processing of wood:			
	Carpentry		Pressing, drying etc	
	Others (specify)			
8	Raw material used ' ' the right column			
	Wood for category V & VII only		All types of Round logs	
	Imported Wood.		Sawn timber from other Wood based industrial unit	
	Coconut Palm or/and Palmyra palm			
9	Product (' ' right column)			
	Sawn Timber		Packing case/Tea Chest /Block board	
	Veneer/Plywood/Particle Board		Splints / Match Box / Pencil Slat / Photo Frame	
	Furniture		Others (Specify the Product)	
	Treated wood			
10	a. Whether the applicant is involved in any forest offence or Wildlife offence		: Yes/No	
	b. If Yes, case number and status		:	
11	Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of government forest to the location of the unit. If more than 5 km then approximate distance is sufficient: .....Km			
	Shortest distance from the nearest boundary of government forest by Road…….KM			
12	Whether the unit is presently functioning or not		: Yes/No	
13	(a) Year in which commenced (b) Whether licensed on or before 30th October, 2002, (c) If licensed, No.& Date of Licence and licensing Authority (Copies of the documents to be attached)	: : :		

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14	Details of machinery				
(a) Type of machines		(b) Number	(c) Installed Capacity in M^3 (annual)	Remarks (machinery details)	
				Existing before 30-10-2002	Installed after 30-10-2002
Band Saw ……..HP					
Re-saw ……HP					
Peeling Machine……HP					
Splint making machine……..……HP					
Circular Saw ……..…HP					
Carving machine …….HP					
Other machines …… .HP (specify the type)					

15	Electricity Connection.
Single Phase/Three Phase	
Total Connected load KVA	
Connected load of machine that convert round logs.	
Electrical Section/Division	
Date of Electric connection	
(Attach copies of documents)	

16	Whether the unit has got S.S.I Registration	Yes / No
	If 'Yes' S.S.I Registration number and year	
(Copy of S.S.I Registration Certificate/Licence issued by LSGD/Copy of D&O Register attested by LSGD Secretary/Licence issued by Department of Factories and Boilers, Government of Kerala to be attached)		

17	Annual Consumption and source of Wood (Quantity M^3 & Source)		
Type	Forest Depots	Outside forests	Imported Wood
Timber other than Rubber & Palm			
Wood allowed under Category V & VII			
Coconut/Palmyra Palm wood			
Total			

18	Number of labourers in the unit	:
19	Whether the unit is mortgaged to Banks/ Financial institutions etc., if so details.	: Yes/No.

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	If yes, Bank	:	
	Loan Amount	:	
	Term	:	
20	Whether the applicant is a holder of Property Mark Registration Certificate under Kerala Forest Act 1961	:	Yes/No.
	If yes, No.& Date	:	
	Name of Forest Division	:	

21	Other relevant details if any (use separate sheet if required)	:	
22	Details of application fee, mode of payment with date and amount (enclose the document)	:	
23	List of enclosed documents	:	
		:	
		:	
		:	

DECLARATION

I do hereby declare that the information given above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Place: Signature

Date : Name

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Form No. IB

[See Rule 6(2)]

Application for Licence to Sawmill or Wood-based industrial unit established after 30th October, 2002

1	*Applicant:- Name*	:
	Father's Name	:
	Date of Birth	:
	Permanent Address with PIN	:
	Phone No:	:
	Address for Communication with PIN	
	(Enclose the address proof)	
2	*The Unit:-*	:
	Name	:
	Address	:
	Phone No	:
	Location	:
	Building No.	:
	Corporation/Municipality/Panchayat	
	Division/Ward	:
	Forest Division/Forest Range	:
3	*Land in which the unit is situated*	:
	Extent	:
	Survey No.	:
	Village	:
	Taluk	:
	District	:
4.	*Whether any other Sawmill Wood based industrial unit converting round logs functioning in same compound*	: *Yes* / *No*
	Timber selling Depot, if annexed	:
	Extent	:
	Survey No:	:

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	Village	:		
	Taluk	:		
5	Nature of ownership (' ' the right column)			
	Proprietary		Partnership	
	Private Company		Co-operative Society	
	Private-Public partnership		'Lease'	
	Public Sector undertaking		Others (Specify)	
* (Copies of documents to be attached)				
6	Type of unit (the right column)			
	Cottage Industry		SSI Unit	
	Medium Scale Industrial unit		Large Scale Industrial unit	
7	Nature of activity (' ' the right column)			
(a)	Primary processing of logs: i.e. processing of round logs			
	Sawing		Splint & match box	
	Veneering/Peeling		Others (Specify)	
(b)	Secondary Processing of wood:			
	Carpentry		Pressing drying etc	
	Others (Specify)			
8	Raw material used ' ' the right column			
	Rubber wood only		All types of Round logs	
	Imported Wood.		Sawn timber from other Wood based industrial unit	
	Coconut Palm or/and Palmyra palm			
9	Product (' ' right column)			
	Scantlings/Planks		Packing case	
	Veneer/Plywood		Splints & Match Box	
	Furniture		Others (Specify the Product)	
	Block board			
10	(a) Whether the applicant is involved in any forest offence or Wildlife offence		: Yes/No	
	(b) If Yes, case number and status		:	

11	Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of government forest to the location of the unit. If much more than 5 km then approximate distance is sufficient:.....KM	
	Shortest distance from the nearest boundary of government forest by Road…….KM	
12	Whether the unit is presently functioning or not	: Yes/No
13	(a) Year in which commenced (b) Whether license after 30th October, 2002, (c) If licensed, No.& Date of Licence and licensing Authority	: (a) : (b) : (c)
* (Copies of the documents to be attached)		
14	**Details of machinery**	

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(a) Type of machines	(b) Number	(c) Installed Capacity in M^3 (annual)	Remarks (machinery details)	
Band Saw ……..HP				
Re-saw ……HP (Below 5 HP)				
Peeling Machine……HP				
Splint making machine……..……HP				
Circular Saw ……..…HP				
Carving machine …….HP				
Other machines …… .HP (specify the type)				

15	Electricity Connection.	
	Single Phase/Three Phase	
	Total Connected load KVA	
	Connected load of machine that convert round logs.	
	Electrical Section/Division	
	Date of Electric connection	
(Attach copies of documents)		
16	Whether the unit has got S.S.I Registration	Yes / No
	If 'Yes' S.S.I Registration number and year	
(Copy of S.S.I Registration Certificate/Licence issued by LSGD/ Copy of D&O Register attested by LSGD Secretary/Licence issued by Department of Factories and Boilers, Government of Kerala to be attached)		

17	Annual Consumption and source of Sawn Material (Quantity M^3 & Source)			
Type				
Sawn Timber other than Rubber & Palm				
Wood allowed under Category V & VII				
Sawn Timber Coconut/Palmyra Palm wood				
Total				

18	Number of labourers in the unit	:
19	Whether the buildings and machines are ready in the case of proposed units.	: Yes/No

20	Whether the unit is mortgaged to Banks/ Financial institutions etc., if so details.	: Yes/No.
	If yes, Bank	:
	Loan Amount	:
	Term	:
21	Whether the applicant is a holder of Property Mark Registration Certificate under Kerala Forest Act 1961	: Yes/No.
	If yes, No.& Date	:
	Name of Forest Division	:

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22.	D.D. No. and date/details of other mode of remittance of OTP, if any, made previously (enclose copies of documents)		
23	Details of application fee, mode of payment with date and amount (enclose the document)	:	
24	Other relevant details if any (use separate sheet if required)	:	

25.	List of enclosed documents	:	
		:	
		:	
		:	

DECLARATION

I do hereby declare that the information given above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Place: Signature

Date : Name

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Form No. IC

[See Rule 10 (1) & 11(1)]

Application for Renewal of licence of Sawmill or other Wood-based industrial unit

1	Licence No:	Date of Issue:	Date of Expiry:
2	Applicant:- Name	:	
	Father's Name	:	
	Date of Birth	:	
	Permanent Address with PIN	:	
	Phone No:	:	
	Address for Communication with PIN		
	(Enclose the address proof)		
3	The Unit:-	:	
	Name	:	
	Address	:	
	Phone No	:	
	Location	:	
	Building No.	:	
	Corporation/Municipality/Panchayat		
	Division/Ward	:	
	Forest Division/Forest Range	:	
4	Land in which the unit is situated	:	
	Extent	:	
	Survey No.	:	
	Village	:	
	Taluk	:	
	District	:	
5	Nature of activity (' ' the right column)		

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(a)	Primary processing of logs: i.e. processing of round logs			
	Sawing		Splint & match box	
	Veneering/Peeling		Others (Specify)	
(b)	Secondary Processing of wood:			
	Carpentry		Pressing, drying etc	
	Others (Specify)			

6	Raw material used ' ' the right column			
	Wood allowed under Category V & VII		All types of round logs.	
	Imported Wood		Sawn timber from other licensed units	
	Coconut/Palmyra Palm wood			

7	a. Whether the applicant is involved in any forest offence or Wildlife offence	: Yes/No
	b. If Yes, case number and status	:
8	Whether the unit is presently functioning or not	: Yes/No
9	**Details of machinery**	

(a) Type of machines	(b) Number	(c) Installed Capacity in M^3 (annual)
Band Saw ……..HP		
Re-saw ……HP		
Peeling Machine……HP		
Splint making machine……..……HP		
Circular Saw ……..…HP		
Carving machine …….HP		
Other machines …… .HP (specify the type)		

10	Whether the applicant is a holder of Property Mark Registration Certificate under Kerala Forest Act 1961	:	Yes/No.
	If yes, No.& Date	:	
	Name of Forest Division	:	

11	D.D. No. and date/details of other mode of remittance of OTP if any made previously (enclose copies of documents)		
12	Details of application fee, mode of payment with date and amount (enclose the document)	:	

DECLARATION

I / We do hereby declare that the Sawmill or Wood-based industrial unit under licence No……issued by…….has been functioning in the same location, building with the permitted installed capacity and using permitted raw material and under the same ownership as per the license and have not violated any of the conditions of license during its currency.

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I / We hereby apply for the renewal of the licence for a further term as provided in the Kerala Forest (Regulation of Sawmills and Other Wood-based Industrial Units) Rules, 2026.

Place:
Date:

Signature:
Name of the Licensee:

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Form No. ID

[See Rule 6(3)]

Application for Licence to Small Scale Wood Industries

1	*Applicant:- Name*	:
	Father's Name	:
	Date of Birth	:
	Permanent Address with PIN	:
	Phone No:	:
	Address for Communication with PIN	

(Enclose the address proof)

2	*The Unit:-*	:
	Name	:
	Address	:
	Phone No	:
	Location	:
	Building No.	:
	Corporation/Municipality/Panchayat	
	Division/Ward	:
	Forest Division/Forest Range	:
3	*Land in which the unit is situated*	:
	Extent	:
	Survey No.	:
	Village	:
	Taluk	:
	District	:

4.	*Whether any other Sawmill Wood based industrial unit converting round logs functioning in same compound*	:	*Yes*	*No*

	Timber selling Depot, if annexed	:
	Extent	:
	Survey No:	:

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	Village	:		
	Taluk	:		
5	Nature of ownership (' ' the right column)			
	Proprietary		Partnership	
	Private Company		Co-operative Society	
	Private-Public partnership		'Lease'	
	Public Sector undertaking		Others (Specify)	
* (Copies of documents to be attached)				
6	Type of unit (the right column)			
	Cottage Industry		SSI Unit	
	Medium Scale Industrial unit		Large Scale Industrial unit	
7	Nature of activity (' ' the right column)			
	Secondary Processing of wood:			
	Carpentry		Pressing drying etc	
	Others (Specify)			
8	Raw material used ' ' the right column			
	Sawn Timber from other licensed units			
9	Product (' ' right column)			
	Furniture		Others (Specify the Product)	
10	(a) Whether the applicant is involved in any forest offence or Wildlife offence		: Yes/No	
	(b) If Yes, case number and status		:	
11	Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of government forest to the location of the unit. If much more than 5 km then approximate distance is sufficient:.....KM			
	Shortest distance from the nearest boundary of government forest by Road…….KM			
12	Whether the unit is presently functioning or not		: Yes/No	
13	(a) Year in which commenced (b) Whether license after 30th October, 2002, (c) If licensed, No.& Date of Licence and licensing Authority	: (a) : (b) : (c)		
* (Copies of the documents to be attached)				

14	Details of machinery				
	(a) Type of machines	(b) Number	(c) Installed Capacity in M³ (annual)	Remarks (machinery details)	
	Re-saw ……HP (Below 5 HP)				
	Circular Saw ……..…HP				
	Carving machine …….HP				
	Other machines …… .HP (specify the type)				

15	Electricity Connection.

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Single Phase/Three Phase	
Total Connected load KVA	
Connected load of machine that convert round logs.	
Electrical Section/Division	
Date of Electric connection	
(Attach copies of documents)	
16 Whether the unit has got S.S.I Registration	Yes / No
If 'Yes' S.S.I Registration number and year	
(Copy of S.S.I Registration Certificate/Licence issued by LSGD/Licence issued by Department of Factories and Boilers, Government of Kerala to be attached)	

17	Annual Consumption and source of Sawn Material (Quantity M^3 & Source)			
Type				
Sawn Timber other than Rubber & Palm				
Wood allowed under Category V & VII				
Sawn Timber Coconut/Palmyra Palm wood				
Total				

18	Number of labourers in the unit	:
19	Whether the buildings and machines are ready in the case of proposed units.	: Yes/No

20	Whether the unit is mortgaged to Banks/ Financial institutions etc., if so details.	: Yes/No.	
	If yes, Bank	:	
	Loan Amount	:	
	Term	:	
21	Whether the applicant is a holder of Property Mark Registration Certificate under Kerala Forest Act 1961	: Yes/No.	
	If yes, No.& Date	:	
	Name of Forest Division	:	

22	Other relevant details if any (use separate sheet if required)	:	
23.	D.D. No. and date/details of other mode of remittance of OTP, if any, made previously (enclose copies of documents)		
24	Details of application fee, mode of payment with date and amount (enclose the document)	:	

25.	List of enclosed documents	:	
		:	
		:	
		:	

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DECLARATION

I do hereby declare that the information given above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Place: *Signature*

Date : *Name*

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Form No. IIA

[See rule 7(5)]

Licence for Sawmill or Other Wood-based industrial unit

(Pre-30th October, 2002 licensed units)

Forest Division/Range:

Licence No:

1.	Name and address of the licensee	:			
2.	Father's Name	:			
3.	Nature of ownership	:			
4.	Name of the Unit	:			
5.	Postal address of the unit	:	Building No.		:
			Location		:
			Corporation/Municipality/ Panchayat		:
			Division/Ward		:
			Village		:
			District		:
6.	Category of the Unit	:			
7.	Details of machinery & power sanctioned	:	Sl. No.	Machinery	Power (in HP)
8.	Annual consumption of wood (in Cubic Metres)	:			
9.	Validity of licence	:	From	To	
10.	Licence fee realised	:	Rs. ..... for new licence.		
11.	Details of OTP (DD No. & Name of bank, amount & date	:			
12.	Remarks	:	File No.		

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Place:

Date :

Signature, Name and Designation
of the Licensing Authority

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Conditions

(i) The applicant shall not be a person convicted of any offence punishable under the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) or the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) or any other enactment relating to the protection of environment or conservation of biological diversity or the rules made thereunder.

(ii) The applicant shall be in lawful possession of the land wherein the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit situates.

(iii) The sawmill and the other wood-based industrial unit shall be subjected to periodic inspection, at least once in six months, by any officer not below the rank of a Range Forest Officer.

(iv) Every sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit shall keep and maintain registers, documents and accounts in the forms as required by these rules and the electricity bills paid in respect of such unit shall be produced on demand to the Forest Officers for inspection.

(v) The period of licence granted under these rules shall be five years.

(vi) The application for renewal of licence shall be preferred at least three months prior to the date of expiry of licence.

(vii) The sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall function in a building having building number issued by the Local Self Government Institution.

(viii) A sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit licensed for a particular category shall not be converted in to any other category without obtaining a fresh licence.

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(ix) The capacity of sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit shall not be enhanced or any new machinery other than those mentioned in the licence shall be installed only with the permission of the Authorized Officer/State Level Committee under sub-rule(3) of rule 12.

(x) The transfer of licence on sale/mortgage/lease etc shall be done only with the approval of the State Level Committee. Transfer due to succession shall be done with approval of the Authorized Officers.

(xi) The sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit and their premises shall always be made accessible to the Forest Officers for inspection.

(xii) The licensee shall not engage in any activity causing health hazard to the local people.

(xiii) The sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall not function without a licence and shall be closed down on the expiry of the period of licence or on cancellation or suspension of the licence.

(xiv) The licensee shall be duly bond to strictly abide by provision of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) and Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) and the rules made thereunder.

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Form No. IIB

[See rule7(5)]

Licence for Sawmill or Other Wood-based industrial unit

(Post 30th October, 2002 units)

Forest Division/Range:

Licence No:

1.	Name and address of the licensee	:			
2.	Father's Name	:			
3.	Nature of ownership	:			
4.	Name of the Unit	:			
5.	Postal address of the unit	:	Building No.	:	
			Location	:	
			Corporation/Municipality/ Panchayat	:	
			Division/Ward	:	
			Village	:	
			District	:	
6.	Category of the Unit	:			
7.	Details of machinery & power sanctioned	:	Sl. No.	Machinery	Power
8.	Annual consumption of wood	:			
9.	Validity of licence	:	From	To	
10.	Licence fee realised	:	Rs. ..... for new licence.		
11.	Details of OTP (D.D. No. and name of Bank amount	:			

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	and date)		
12.	Remarks	:	File No.

Place:

Date :

Signature, Name and Designation
of the Issuing Authority

Seal

Conditions

(i) The applicant shall not be a person convicted of any offence punishable under the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) or the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) or any other enactment relating to the protection of environment or conservation of biological diversity or the rules made thereunder.

(ii) The applicant shall be in lawful possession of the land wherein the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit situates.

(iii) The sawmill and the other wood-based industrial unit shall be subjected to periodic inspection, at least once in six months, by any officer not below the rank of a Range Forest Officer.

(iv) Every sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit shall keep and maintain registers, documents and accounts in the forms as required by these rules and the electricity bills paid in respect of such unit shall be produced on demand to the Forest Officers for inspection.

(v) The period of licence granted under these rules shall be five years.

(vi) The application for renewal of licence shall be preferred at least three months prior to the date of expiry of licence.

(vii) The sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall function in a building

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having building number issued by the Local Self Government Institution.

(viii) A sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit licensed for a particular category shall not be converted in to any other category without obtaining a fresh licence.

(ix) The capacity of sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit shall not be enhanced or any new machinery other than those mentioned in the licence shall be installed only with the permission of the Authorized Officer/State Level Committee under sub-rule (1) and sub-rule (3) of rule 12.

(x) The transfer of licence on sale/mortgage/lease etc shall be done only with the approval of the State Level Committee. Transfer due to succession shall be done with approval of the Authorized Officers.

(xi) The sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit and their premises shall always be made accessible to the Forest Officers for inspection.

(xii) The licensee shall not engage in any activity causing health hazard to the local people.

(xiii) The sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall not function without a licence and shall be closed down on the expiry of the period of licence or on cancellation or suspension of the licence.

(xiv) The licensee shall be duly bond to strictly abide by provision of Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) and Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) and the rules made thereunder.

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Form No. IIC

[See rule 11(4)]

Licence for Sawmill or Other Wood-based industrial unit

(ON RENEWAL)

Forest Division/Range:

Licence No:

1.	Name and address of the licensee	:			
2.	Father's Name	:			
3.	Nature of ownership	:			
4.	Name of the Unit	:			
5.	Postal address of the unit	:	Building No.	:	
			Location	:	
			Corporation/Municipality/ Panchayat	:	
			Division/Ward	:	
			Village	:	
			District	:	
6.	Category of the Unit	:			
7.	Details of machinery & power sanctioned	:	Sl. No.	Machinery	Power
8.	Annual consumption of wood	:			
9.	Validity of licence	:	From	To	
10.	Licence fee realised	:	Rs. ..... for renewal		

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11.	Details of Licenses issued previously	:	
12.	Details of OTP already realized	:	
13.	Remarks	:	File No.

Place:

Date :

Signature, Name and Designation
of the Licensing Authority

Seal

Conditions

(i) The applicant shall not be a person convicted of any offence punishable under the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) or the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) or any other enactment relating to the protection of environment or conservation of biological diversity or the rules made thereunder.

(ii) The applicant shall be in lawful possession of the land wherein the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit situates.

(iii) The sawmill and the other wood-based industrial unit shall be subjected to periodic inspection, at least once in six months, by any officer not below the rank of a Range Forest Officer.

(iv) Every sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit shall keep and maintain registers, documents and accounts in the forms as required by these rules and the electricity bills paid in respect of such unit shall be produced on demand to the Forest Officers for inspection.

(v) The period of licence renewed under these rules shall be five years.

(vi) The application for renewal of licence shall be preferred at least three months

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prior to the date of expiry of licence.

(vii) The sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall function in a building having building number issued by the Local Self Government Institution.

(viii) A sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit licensed for a particular category shall not be converted in to any other category without obtaining a fresh licence.

(ix) The capacity of sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit shall not be enhanced or any new machinery other than those mentioned in the licence shall be installed only with the permission of the Authorized Officer/State Level Committee under sub-rule (3) of rule 12.

(x) The transfer of licence on sale/mortgage/lease etc shall be done only with the approval of the State Level Committee. Transfer due to succession shall be done with approval of the Authorized Officers.

(xi) The sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit and their premises shall always be made accessible to the Forest Officers for inspection.

(xii) The licensee shall not engage in any activity causing health hazard to the local people.

(xiii) The sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall not function without a licence and shall be closed down on the expiry of the period of licence or on cancellation or suspension of the licence.

(xiv) The licensee shall be duly bond to strictly abide by provision of Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) and Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of1972) and the rules made thereunder.

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Form No. IID

[See rule 7(5)]

Licence for Small Scale Wood Industries

Forest Division/Range:

Licence No:

1.	Name and address of the licensee	:			
2.	Father's Name	:			
3.	Nature of ownership	:			
4.	Name of the Unit	:			
5.	Postal address of the unit	:	Building No.	:	
			Location	:	
			Corporation/Municipality/ Panchayat	:	
			Division/Ward	:	
			Village	:	
			District	:	
6.	Category of the Unit	:	II		
7.	Details of machinery & power sanctioned	:	Sl. No.	Machinery	Power
8.	Annual consumption of wood	:			
9.	Validity of licence	:	From	To	
10.	Licence fee realised	:	Rs. ..... for new licence.		
11.	Details of OTP (D.D. No. and name of Bank amount and date)	:			

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12.	Remarks	:	File No.

Place:

Date :

Signature, Name and Designation
of the Issuing Authority

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Conditions

(i) The applicant shall not be a person convicted of any offence punishable under the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) or the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) or any other enactment relating to the protection of environment or conservation of biological diversity or the rules made thereunder.

(ii) The applicant shall be in lawful possession of the land wherein the sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit situates.

(iii) The sawmill and the other wood-based industrial unit shall be subjected to periodic inspection, at least once in six months, by any officer not below the rank of a Range Forest Officer.

(iv) Every sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit shall keep and maintain registers, documents and accounts in the forms as required by these rules and the electricity bills paid in respect of such unit shall be produced on demand to the Forest Officers for inspection.

(v) The period of licence granted under these rules shall be five years.

(vi) The application for renewal of licence shall be preferred at least three months prior to the date of expiry of licence.

(vii) The sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall function in a building having building number issued by the Local Self Government Institution.

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(viii) A sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit licensed for a particular category shall not be converted in to any other category without obtaining a fresh licence.

(ix) The capacity of sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit shall not be enhanced or any new machinery other than those mentioned in the licence shall be installed only with the permission of the State Level Committee under sub-rule (3) of rule 12.

(x) The transfer of licence on sale/succession etc shall be done only with the approval of the State Level Committee.

(xi) The sawmill and other wood-based industrial unit and their premises shall always be made accessible to the Forest Officers for inspection.

(xii) The licensee shall not engage in any activity causing health hazard to the local people.

(xiii) The sawmill or other wood-based industrial unit shall not function without a licence and shall be closed down on the expiry of the period of licence or on cancellation or suspension of the licence.

(xiv) The licensee shall be duly bond to strictly abide by provision of Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) and Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act 53 of 1972) and the rules made thereunder.

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Form No. III

[See rule 12(2)]

Application for enhancing the capacity of Sawmill or other Wood-based industrial unit

1	*Licence No:*	*Date of Issue:*	*Date of Expiry:*
2	*Applicant (Licensee) Name*	:	
	Father's Name	:	
	Date of Birth	:	
	Permanent Address with PIN	:	
	Phone No:	:	
	Address for Communication with PIN		

(Enclose the address proof)

3	*The Unit:-*	:
	Name	:
	Address	:
	Phone No	:
	Location	:
	Building No.	:
	Corporation/Municipality/Panchayat/ Division/Ward	:
	Forest Range/Forest Division	:
4	*Land in which the unit is situated*	:
	Extent	:
	Survey No.	:
	Village	:
	Taluk	:
	District	:

5	*Raw material used ' ' the right column*			
	Wood allowed under Category V & VII		*All Types of wood*	

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	Imported Wood.		Sawn timber from other licensed units	
	Coconut Palm and/or Palmyra wood			

6	(v) Whether the applicant is involved in any forest offence or Wildlife offence (vi) If yes, case No.	: Yes/No

7		Machinery Permitted		Machinery Proposed	
(a) Type of machines		(b) Number	(c) Installed Capacity in M³ (annual)	(b) Number	(c) Installed Capacity in M³ (annual)
Band Saw ……..HP					
Re-saw ……HP					
Peeling Machine……HP					
Splint making machine……..……HP					
Circular Saw ……..…HP					
Carving machine …….HP					
Other machines …… .HP (specify the type)					
8	Electricity Connection.	Permitted		Proposed	
Single Phase/Three Phase					
Total Connected load KVA					
Connected load of machine that convert round logs.					
Electrical Section/Division					
Date of Electric connection					
9	Details of fees remitted (Enclose the documents)				

DECLARATION

I / We do hereby apply for permission for enhancing the capacity of the Sawmill / other Wood based industrial unit under licence No……..……dated…….…..…..issued by …… without changing any of the conditions of licence

I / We hereby declare that I/we or my / our labourers / agents have not breached any of the conditions of licence, during its currency.

Place:
Date:

Signature of the applicant (s):

Name:

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Form No. IV

[See rule 13(2)]

Application for shifting the Sawmill or other Wood-based industrial unit

1	*Licence No:*	*Date of Issue:*	*Date of Expiry:*
2	*Name of the Applicant (Licensee)*	:	
	Father's Name	:	
	Date of Birth	:	
	Permanent Address with PIN	:	
	Phone No:	:	
	Address for Communication with PIN		
(Enclose the address proof)			
3	*The Unit:-*	:	
	Name	:	
	Address	:	
	Phone No	:	
	Location	:	
	Building No.	:	
	Corporation/Municipality/Panchayat/ Division/Ward	:	
	Forest Range/Forest Division	:	
4	*Land in which the unit is situated*	:	
	Extent	:	
	Survey No.	:	
	Village	:	
	Taluk	:	
	District	:	
5	*Land in which the unit is proposed to be shifted*	:	
	Extent	:	

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	Survey No./Village	:
	Taluk/District	:
	Forest Range/Forest Division	:

6	Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of Government forest to :			
	Existing unit ……..	KM	Proposed Unit …….	KM

7	**Details of machinery**

(a) Type of machines	(b) Number	(c) Installed Capacity in M^3 (annual)
Band Saw ……..HP		
Re-saw ……HP		
Peeling Machine……HP		
Splint making machine……..……HP		
Circular Saw ……..…HP		
Carving machine …….HP		
Other machines …… .HP (specify the type)		

8	Existing power (in HP)	:	
	Electrical Section/Division	:	
9	Reasons for shifting the unit	:	
10	Details of fee remitted (Enclose the documents)	:	
11	Details of NOC's for shifting, produced with this application	:	
	From Local self Government	:	
	From Health Authorities	:	
	From Pollution Control Board	:	
	From Commercial Tax Authority	:	
	From Income Tax Authority	:	
	From the Bank/Financial institutions if applicable	:	
	Others (Specify)		

DECLARATION

I / We do hereby apply for permission for shifting the Sawmill/ Wood-based industrial unit under licence No……dated……..issued by …… to the new location without changing any of the conditions of licence.

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I / We hereby declare that I/we or my / our labourers / agents have not breached any of the conditions of licence, during its currency.

Place:

Date:

Signature of the applicant(s):
Name:

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Date:

Signature
Designation

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Form No.V

[See rule 14(2)]

Application for changing the Name and Style of Sawmill or other Wood-based industrial unit

1	*Licence No:*	*Date of Issue:*	*Date of Expiry:*

2	*Applicant/ (Licensee) Name*	:
	Father's Name	:
	Date of Birth	:
	Permanent Address with PIN	:
	Phone No:	:
	Address for Communication with PIN	

(Enclose the address proof)

3.	*Applicant :-Name*	:	
	Father's Name	:	
	Date of Birth	:	
	Address	:	
	Phone No:	:	
4.	*Industrial Unit:-*	:	
		Permitted	***Proposed***
	Category	:	
	Name	:	
	Address	:	
	Phone No	:	

5.	*Land in which the unit is situated*	:	
	Extent	:	
	Survey No.	:	

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	Village	:	
	Taluk/District	:	
	Forest Range/Division	:	

6.	Details of fees remitted		
7.	Details of No Objection Certificate's for changing of Name and Style of Unit, produced with this application		
	(i)	From the Local Self Government	:
	(ii)	From the Commercial Tax Authority	:
	(iii)	From the Income Tax Authority	:
	(iv)	From Bank / Financial Institution, if applicable	:
	(v)	Others (Specify)	:

DECLARATION

I / We do hereby apply for the change of Name and Style of the Wood-based industrial unit under licence No……dated……..issued by …… without changing any of the conditions of licence.

I / We hereby declare that I/we or my / our labourers / agents have not breached any of the conditions of licence, during its currency.

Place:
Date:

Signature of the applicant:
Name:

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Signature

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Form No VI

[See rule 15(i)]

Application for Transfer of licence of Sawmill

or other Wood-based industrial unit

1	*Licence No:*	*Date of Issue:*	*Date of Expiry:*

2	*Applicant /Licensee Name*	:
	Father's Name	:
	Date of Birth	:
	Permanent Address with PIN	:
	Phone No:	:
	Address for Communication with PIN	

(Enclose the address proof)

3.	*Unit:-*	:	
			Permitted, Proposed
	Category		
	Name	:	
	Address	:	
	Phone No	:	
4.	*Land in which the unit is situated*	:	
	Extent	:	
	Survey No.	:	
	Village	:	
	Taluk/District	:	
	Forest Range/Division	:	

5	*Whether the Transferee or transferor are involved in any Forest/wildlife offence*	*Transferor*	*Transferee*
6.	*Details of fees remitted (Enclose the Documents)* :		

Yes

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7.	Details of No Objection Certificate's for transfer of ownership, produced with this application		
	(i)	From the Local Self Government	:
	(ii)	From the Commercial Tax Authority	:
	(iii)	From the Income Tax Authority	:
	(iv)	From Bank / Financial Institution, if applicable	:
	(v)	Others (Specify)	:

I / We do hereby apply for the transfer of ownership of the unit. The Licence in original is herewith surrendered.

Signature and Name of the Transferee.

Place:

Date:

Signature and Name of the Licensee/Applicant

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Decision of the authority :
Date:

Signature

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Form No.VII

[See rule 18(1)]

Application for preferring an Appeal before the Appellate Authority against the order of the Authorised Officer

1	*Name of the Applicant*	:
	Father's Name	:
	Date of Birth	:
	Permanent Address with PIN	:
	Phone No:	:
	Address for Communication with PIN	

(Enclose the address proof)

2	*Industrial Unit:-*	:
	Name	:
	Address	:
	Phone No	:
	Location	:
	Building No.	:
	Corporation/Municipality/Panchayat/ Division/Ward	:
	Forest Division/Forest Range	:
3	*Land in which the unit is situated*	:
	Extent	:
	Survey No.	:
	Village	:
	Taluk	:
	District	:
4	*Licence No. and date of issuing authority*	
5	*a. Whether the applicant is involved in any forest offence or Wildlife offence*	: *Yes/No*
	b. If Yes, Case number and status	:

6	*Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of Government forest*			
	Existing unit ……..	*KM*	*Proposed Unit* …….	*KM*
7	***Details of machinery***			

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(a) Type of machines	(b) Number	(c) Installed Capacity in M^3 (annual)	Remarks (machinery details)		
			Established on or before 30-10-2002	Established after 30-10-2002	Remarks
Band Saw ……..HP					
Re-saw ……HP					
Peeling Machine……HP					
Splint making machine……..……HP					
Circular Saw ……..…HP					
Carving machine …….HP					
Other machines …… .HP (specify the type)					

8	Details of fees remitted (Enclose the documents) :		
9	Existing power (in HP)	:	
	Electrical Section/Division	:	
10	Details of order of the Authorized Officer against which appeal is preferred (Attach copy of the order)	:	
11	Reasons for preferring appeal against the order of the Authorized Officer (Attach affidavit)	:	

DECLARATION

I/We hereby declare that the details submitted above and in the affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Place :
Date :

Signature
Name of the Appellant

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Decision of the authority :
Date:

Signature
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Form No.VIII

[See rule 21 (1)]

Register for Small Scale Wood Industries

(Small Scale Wood Industries Unit or other Wood-based industrial unit which is not using round logs and operating without a band saw or re-saw or circular saw of more than 30 cm diameter)

Name of Forest Division: Name of District:

Sl.No.	Date of receipt of application	Name and Address of unit	File No.	Forest Range in which Unit is situated	Details of fee paid	Registration No. and Date	Details of Machinery and capacity	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Form No. VIIIA

[See rules 8(1) (iv), 8 (1) (v) and 21(2)]

RECEIPT, CONVERSION, DISPATCH AND STOCK REGISTER

For Category I, VIII, X & XI

Opening stock (in CuM)	Receipt								Conversion		Dispatch									Balance stock	
						Measurement of each piece			Measurement of sawn timber		Particulars of dispatch			Round timber/Treated timber				Sawn timber/Treated timber			
	Date	Name & Address of the seller from whom bought	Pass details (Authority No. & date)	Species	Sl. No. of log	Length (in Metre)	Girth (in Metre)	Volume (CuM)	No. of pieces	Volume (in CuM)	Date	Name and address of purchaser	Species	Sl. No. logs	Length (in Metre)	Girth (in Metre)	Volume (CuM)	No. of pieces	Volume (CuM)	Quantity (No.)	Volume (CuM)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22

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Form No. VIIIB

[See rules 8(1) (iv) and 21(2)]

RECEIPT, CONVERSION, DISPATCH AND STOCK REGISTER

For Category II, III

Opening Stock (in CuM / No of pieces item wise, product of Category III)	Receipt						Conversion						Dispatch					Balance stock	
					Billets/Small Timber/ Sawn Timber		Match Splint/Match box/Pencil Slat/Photo frame			Furniture			Particulars of dispatch			Product			
	Date	Name & Address of the seller from whom bought	Pass details (Authority No. & date)	Species	No/Quantity	Volume (Cu M)	Item	Quantity	Volume (Cu M)	Item	No.	Volume (in Cu M)	Date	Name and address of purchaser	Species	Name	Nos. (Volume in CuM)	Quantity/No	Volume (Cu Metre)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

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Form No. VIII C

[See rules rules 8(1) (iv) and 21(2)]

RECEIPT CONVERSION AND DISPOSAL REGISTER FOR CATEGORY IV, V & VA

Receipt										Conversion		Disposed										
Opening Stock (No & volume of products in category IV & V)	Date	Name & Address of seller from whom brought	Transit pass details Authority /No. and date	Bought from outside State/ inside the state	Sawn timber used			Quantity of round log/billets used		Converted (No. and Volume)		Details of end products made (Tea chest/Packing case/Block board/Wood Shavings/Chips			Name and address of purchaser	Transit/ Pass details Authority/ Number/ Date	Product sold			Balance Stock		
					Species	No. of pieces	Quantity (Cu M)	Species	Quantity in MT/CuM	No.	Vol (Cu M)	No./Quantity	Measurement (L X B X T)	Volume in CuM			No./Quantity	Measurement (in inches)	Vol. (in CuM)	Item	No/measurement (in inches)	Vol. (in CuM)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23

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Form No. VIII D

[See rules rules 8(1) (iv) and 21(2)]

RECEIPT CONVERSION AND DISPOSAL REGISTER FOR CATEGORY VI, VII & VII A

Opening Stock (No/ Quantity & Volume of products under category VI & VII	Date	Name & Address of seller from whom brought	Transit pass details Authority/No. and date	Bought from outside State/inside the State	Sawn timber used			Quantity of round log/billets used		Conversion		Details of end products made (Plywood/Particle board/Veneer/Furniture) (whatever is applicable)			Name and address of purchaser	Transit/ Pass details Authority /Number/ Date	Item Sold			Balance Stock		
										Converted (No. and Volume)		Item										
					Species	No. of pieces	Quantity (Cu M)	Species	Purchased in MT	No.	Vol (Cu M)	No.	Measurement (L X B X T) in metres	Volume in CuM			Item	No./Quantity (in CuM)	Measurement (in	Item	No./Quantity	Measurement Volume (in CuM)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23

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Form No. VIII E

[See rules rules 8(1) (iv) and 21(2)]

RECEIPT CONVERSION AND DISPOSAL REGISTER FOR CATEGORY IX

Opening Stock (Quantity of raw material/ products	Receipt								Conversion			Training Details	
	Date	Seller	Pass Date	Species	Sawn timber		Round timber below 30 cm in diameter		Products made			Date	Details of training imparted
					No. of Pieces	Volume (Cu M)	Quantity	Volume (in Cu M)	Item	No.	Volume (in CuM)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

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Form No. IX A

[See rule 21 (3)]

Register of Licences for Sawmill and other Wood-based industrial unit

Name of Forest Division:

Sl. No.	Date of receipt of application	Name and Address of Unit	File No.	GPS Reading	Forest Range in which Unit is situated	Category of the unit	Details of remittance of OTP	Details of licence fee paid	Licence No. and Date, if issued	Details of Machinery and capacity	Distance from the boundary of forests	Date of renewal of licence, details of fee levied	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

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Form No. IX B

[See rule 21 (3)]

Register on Enhancement of Capacity/Shifting/Changing Name and Style/Transfer of Licence of Sawmill or other Wood-based industrial unit

Name of Forest Division:

Sl. No.	Date of receipt of application	Name and Address of Unit	File No.	GPS Reading	Licence No. & Date	Category of the unit	Forest Range in which Unit is situated	Date of verification	Details of fee levied	Application Details								Details of order including No., date and decision
										Enhancing Capacity with details of machinery and power		Shifting		Changing Name and Style		Transfer of licence (Sale/ Succession/ Lease/ Mortgage)		
										Existing	Applied	Existing	Applied	Existing	Applied	Existing	Applied	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

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Form No. IX C

[See rules 18(4) and 21(4)]

Register of appeal for Licences of Sawmill and other Wood-based industrial unit

Name of Forest Circle:

Sl. No.	Date of receipt of appeal	Name and Address of Unit	File No.	GPS Reading	Forest Range in which Unit is situated	Category of the unit	Details of licence fee paid	Licence No. and Date, if issued	Details of Machinery and capacity	Distance from the boundary of forests	Decision on appeal	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

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Form No. X

[See rule 21 (3)]

Abstract of Licences for Sawmills and other Wood-based industrial unit

Name of Circle : Name of Division :

Sl. No.	Forest Range in which Unit is situated	File No.	GPS Reading	Category of the unit	Details of remittance of OTP	Details of licence fee paid	Licence No. and Date, if issued	Details of Machinery and capacity	Date of State Level Committee	Decision of State Level Committee, in brief	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

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Form No. XI A

[See rule 22 (3)]

Monthly Report of payment of various fee and One Time Payment for the issuance of Licences for Sawmills and other Wood-based industrial unit

Name of Circle : Name of Division :

Sl. No.	Forest Range in which Unit is situated	File No.	Category of the unit	Name and Address of the unit	Application Fee	Details of licence fee paid	Details of remittance of OTP	Details of late fee	Licence No. and Date, if issued	Details of Machinery and capacity	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

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Form No. XI B

[See rule 22 (4)]

Quarterly Report of payment with respect to appeals for the issuance of Licences for Sawmills and other Wood-based industrial unit

Name of Circle : Name of Division :

Sl. No.	Forest Range in which Unit is situated	File No.	Name and Address of the unit	Category of the unit	Details of remittance of appeal fee	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

By Order of the Governor,

MINHAJ ALAM,

Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

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Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in its Order dated 30th October, 2002 in W.P.(C)No. 202 of 1995 has inter alia directed all the States and Union Territories that no State or Union Territory should permit any unlicensed Sawmills, Veneer, Plywood Industry to operate and they were directed to close all such unlicensed units forthwith. It was also directed that there should be no relaxation of rules with regard to the grant of licence without previous concurrence of the Central Empowered Committee. The Kerala Forest (Regulation of Sawmills and Other Wood-based Industrial Units) Rules, 2012 was issued by Notification under G.O.(P) No. 51/2012/F&WLD dated 19th April, 2012 and published as S.R.O. No.269/2012 in the Kerala Gazette Extra ordinary No. 805 dated 19th April, 2012 and subsequently amended by S.R.O.No.584/2015. However, in supersession of the said Rules, the Kerala Forest (Regulation of Sawmill and other Wood-based Industrial Units) Rules, 2021 was issued by notification under G.O.(P)No. 2/2021/F&WLD dated 12th February 2021 and published as S.R.O. No. 162/2021 in the Kerala Gazette Extra Ordinary No. 727 dated 12th February, 2021 and subsequently amended by S.R.O. No.1159/2023.

In compliance with the directions contained in the Order dated 05.10.2015 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202 of 1995, Government of India has issued guidelines vide S.O.No. 3456(E) dated 11.11.2016 and amendments issued vide No. S.O.3000(E) on 11.09.2017.

In the above circumstances, Government have decided to frame a new rule in supersession of the earlier rules incorporating the provisions of the above mentioned guidelines and considering the recommendations of the Subordinate Legislative Committee (2023-26) on the Kerala Forest (Regulation of Sawmills and Other Wood-based Industrial Units) Rules, 2021 on 04.07.2024. It is understood that the wood-based industries in the State have been experiencing challenges due to scarcity of raw materials, legal impediments with regard to modernization, non-availability of local labour etc. There has been a recurring demand from various categories for permission to install energy-efficient machinery, to re-establish the relaxation in respect of distance from the forest boundary in respect of Categories V and VII that existed prior to 2021, to facilitate value addition of end products, to remove difficulty in functioning of pre-existing units whenever new reserve forests are established away from the designated forest areas, diversification of products etc with an objective to reduce wastage. The Government also considered relaxation in respect of raw

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materials used by certain categories which are sourced from private lands and are exempted from the purview of the felling and transit regime, in tune with para 8 of the aforementioned guidelines issued by the Central Government on 11.09.2017. Moreover, some of the wood-based industries which are not factored under any of the existing categories need to be accommodated as well in such a situation.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

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