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No.B.11020/1/2016 - FST
GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION

Dated Aizawl, the 17th Jan 2019

Whereas bamboo has a very important role in addressing climate change concerns of adaptation and mitigation in addition to providing ecological, economic and livelihood security to a large number of forest dependent rural communities who are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, there is an urgent need to encourage planting of bamboos on areas outside forests including private lands, and,

Whereas the Government of India is promoting bamboo plantation on areas outside forests including private lands through various schemes with the involvement of public especially in rural areas across the country, and the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has issued an Advisory vide letter F.No.8-14/2011-FP dated 14.5.2013 requesting all States/UTs to provide enabling environment which inter-alia may include a simplified regulatory regime to the extent that bamboo growing on private lands are exempted from the requirement of obtaining felling and transit permission.

In view of above and in order to ensure sustainable management of bamboo on private lands in Mizoram, the following GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATION, FELLING AND TRANSIT OF BAMBOO FROM NON-FOREST PRIVATE LANDS IN MIZORAM is hereby issued which will become effective from the date of issue and will prevail over any other guideline/ instruction issued in this regard earlier.

1. **Registration of private bamboo plantation:** The private bamboo plantation in non-forest lands shall be registered in the office of the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) concerned as per procedure laid down below-

(i) A person desiring to register bamboos/bamboo plantation raised by him in non-forest private land shall make an application to the Range Officer concerned in **Form – I** which shall be accompanied by certified copy of valid document of land ownership, sketch map of the land showing the boundaries and prominent land mark for easy identification and NOC from President of Village Council concerned.

(ii) On receipt of the application, the Range Officer shall conduct such enquiry to verify the authenticity of documents of land ownership and location of the land/bamboo plantation to see whether the land is a forest land or not and whether the bamboos/bamboo plantation are actually raised by the applicant. After satisfying himself about the genuineness of the application, the Range Officer shall prepare location map of the land showing GPS reading and prominent bench mark/land features and will then forward the application with accompanying documents and his verification report in **Form – II** and the location map to the DFO.

(iii) The DFO will carefully examine the proposal of the Range Officer and on his satisfaction about the genuineness of the private bamboo plantation shall register such private bamboo plantation and issue a certificate of such registration/ownership in **Form – III** subject to an undertaking for compliance of the felling and transit rules laid down at para 2 of these guidelines which are also printed on the reverse of Form - III.

(iv) The process of registration of private bamboo plantation shall normally be completed within 30 days of the receipt of the complete application by the Range officer concerned.

(v) The certificate of registration is liable to be cancelled if the holder is found to have violated the provisions of these guidelines and/or have committed offence against Forest/ Wildlife laws in force in the State.

2. **Felling and transit of bamboo:** The felling of bamboo from non-forest private land will be done only after obtaining Certificate of Registration from the **Range Officer** concerned and by complying with the felling and transit rules laid down below.

(i) The holder of the Registration Certificate shall cut and collect bamboo only from the area specified in this certificate.

(ii) Only mature bamboos of three years old and above shall be cut at the height of 15-30 cm from the ground and no damage shall be caused to immature bamboos which are less than two years old. In no case clear felling of the bamboo will be permitted.

(iii) In case of bamboos occuring in clumps, cutting of mature bamboo should be done uniformly throughout the clumps and at least 4-6 mature bamboos must be left standing along the periphery of the clump and not less than ten clumps must be retained in each clump.

(iv) Cutting shall be avoided between July and September lest it destroy the young shoots

(v) The operation shall be carried out skillfully so as not to disturb means of public transport and communication in any way.

(vi) After completion of felling/cutting, the plantation owner or the purchaser shall apply for a *Pan India/Nationalized transit permit for inter-State movement of India* from the Range Officer concerned, who, after physical verification of the cut bamboos and the area from where the bamboos are extracted shall issue in **Appendix – (iii).** For movement of Bamboos within the state of Mizoram, No transit permit is required.

(vii) For export of bamboo species or bamboo products, if any, a Certificate of Origin in **Appendix – (ii) and Appendix (i) for Muli Bamboo** prescribed by Director General of Foreign Trade vide Public Notice No. 15/2015-2020 dt 02/8/2017 shall be issued by the Divisional Forest Officer concerned.

(viii) No royalty will be levied for the bamboos extracted from a private bamboo plantation in non-forest land raised and/or maintained by a private individual on a property owned by him.

3. The DFO shall submit a quarterly report of the registration and felling of private bamboo plantation raised in non-forest areas in the prescribed format to the Conservator of Forests concerned who will submit a compiled quarterly report for the circle to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

Sd/-LALRAM THANGA
Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram
Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department

Memo No.B.11020/1/2016 - FST

Dated Aizawl, the 17th Jan 2019

Copy to :-

1. Secretary to Governor, Mizoram.
2. Secretary to Chief Minister, Mizoram.
3. P.S. to Speaker/Ministers/Minister of State/Deputy Speaker, Mizoram.
4. P.S to all Parliamentary Secretaries, Govt. of Mizoram.
5. P.P.S. to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Mizoram.
6. P.S to Principal Secretaries / Commissioner / Secretaries, Government of Mizoram.
7. All Heads of Department, Govt. of Mizoram.
8. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mizoram.
9. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Mizoram.
10. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WP & CAMPA), Mizoram.
11. Mission Director, Mizoram Bamboo Mission.
12. Controller, P&S, Mizoram for publication in the Mizoram Gazette. Six (6) spare copies of the notification is enclosed.
13. All Conservators of Forests, Mizoram.
14. All Divisional Forest Officers, Mizoram.
15. Guard File.

17/1/19
(LALREMRUATI)
Under Secretary to Govt. of Mizoram
Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department
Ph : (0389) 2300337 (O)

Form – I

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE BAMBOO PLANTATION IN NON-FOREST AREA

1. Name of applicant :
2. Father's name :
3. Address :
4. Particulars of land on which private bamboo plantation has been raised-
   a) Location of land :
   b) Name of village (VC ram) under which located:
   c) Area (in Ha) :
   d) Land Pass (ALSC/PP/VC Pass) No.:
   e) Period of validity of Pass, if any :
5. Boundary of the plantation -
   North :
   East :
   South :
   West :
6. Particulars of bamboo plantation raised:

Year of planting/ raising	Species of bamboo raised orplanted	No.of bamboo raised or planted	Approx total no. of bamboo available during verification	Approx total no.of mature bamboo available during verification
Total				

7. Assistance received from Govt, if any : Year Amount Scheme
   for the bamboo plantation

Enclosures:

a) Attested copy of Land Pass (LSC/P.Patta/VC Pass):
b) Location map of the plantation showing roads, paths, rivers, etc.:
c) No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Village Council concerned:
d) Any other documents, if any :

I certified that the bamboo plantation as shown above is actually raised by me and that the information furnished above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I also undertake to abide by the guidelines and instructions/conditions for registration, felling and transportation of bamboo from non-forest private land issued by the Government/Forest Department from time to time.

Date :

Signature of applicant :
Name in capital letters :

VERIFICATION REPORT ON APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE BAMBOO PLANTATION IN NON-FOREST AREA

1. Name &father's nameof applicant:
2. Address :
3. Location and status of land where the plantation is located-
   a) Location of bamboo plantation :
   b) Name of village (VC ram) under which located:
   c) Whether forest land (RF)/non-forest land/deemed forest:
   d) Whether recorded as forest/Govt plantation :
4. Whether it is genuinely raised private plantation :
6. Whether it lies close to Govt. plantation, and if so, name of Govt plantation with distance :
7. Area of bamboo plantation (ocular estimation) in Ha:
8. Boundary of the private plantation –
   North :
   East :
   South :
   West :
9. Geo-coordinates of the plantation at mid-point:
10. Location map of private bamboo plantation : with prominent bench mark to be enclosed
11. Land Pass (LSC/P.Patta/VC Pass) No. :
12. Area of land as per the land Pass :
13. Particulars of bamboo plantation raised :-

Year of planting/ raising	Species of bamboo raised or planted	No.of bamboo raised or planted	Approxtotal no.of bamboo available during verification	Approx total no.of mature bamboo available during verification
Total				

Certified that I have personally inspected and verified the above mentioned private bamboo plantation on _____ in presence of the applicant/his representative and that the plantation is actually raised/owned by the applicant and is located outside forest area.

Signature of verifying officer:
Name in capital letters :
Designation :

Countersigned :

Signature :
Name :

Form – III

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
_____ FOREST DIVISION :_____ : MIZORAM

No. _____ Date : _____

Certificate of Registration / Ownership of Private Bamboo Plantation in non-forest area

This is to certify that the private bamboo plantation in non-forest area, particulars of which are given below, is registered in this office subject to compliance of the conditions (felling and transit rules) given on the reverse of this Form.

1. Name of plantation owner :
2. Father's/husband's name :
3. Address :
4. Location of private bamboo plantation: (with name of village/VC ram)
5. Area of bamboo plantation in Ha. :
6. Boundary of plantation – North :
   East :
   South :
   West :
7. Geo-coordinates of the plantation at mid-point:
8. Land Pass (LSC/P.Patta/VC Pass) No. :
10. Particulars of bamboo plantation raised and registered:-

Year of planting/ raising	Species of bamboo raised or planted	No.of bamboo raised or planted	Approx total no.of bamboo available during verification	Approx total no.of mature bamboo available during verification
Total				

Note:Location map of private bamboo plantation with prominent bench mark to be attached.

11. Name & designation of verifying officer:
    And date of verification :

Office Round Seal

Divisional Forest Officer
_____ Forest Division
_____ : Mizoram

Memo No.

Copy to:-

1. Conservator of Forests, _____ Circle, _____, Mizoram
2. Range Officer, _____ Forest Range, _____.
3. President, Village Council, _____ for information and record.
4. Person concerned.
5. Guard File.

CONDITIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE BAMBOO PLANTATION RAISED IN NON-FOREST PRIVATE LAND

(i) The holder of this Registration Certificate shall cut and collect bamboo only from the area specified in this certificate.

(ii) Only mature bamboos of three years old and above shall be cut at the height of 15-30 cm from the ground and no damage shall be caused to immature bamboos which are less than two years old. In no case clear felling of the bamboo will be permitted.

(iii) In case of bamboos occuring in clumps, cutting of mature bamboo should be done uniformly throughout the clumps and at least 4-6 mature bamboos must be left standing along the periphery of the clump and not less than ten clumps must be retained in each clump.

(iv) Cutting shall be avoided between July and September lest it destroy the young shoots.

(v) The operation shall be carried out skillfully so as not to disturb means of public transport and communication in any way.

(vi) After completion of felling/cutting, the bamboo owner shall apply for a transit pass from the Range Officer concerned, who, after physical verification of the cut bamboos and the area from where the bamboos are extracted, will issue a Transit Pass in Appendix – IIA of the Mizoram (Forest) Act, 1955 or in any other format as may be prescribed by the PCCF, Mizoram for transportation of the cut bamboos.

(vii) For export of exempted bamboo species/bamboo products, if any, a Certificate of Origin in Appendix – 2F(i) or 2F(ii) prescribed by Director General of Foreign Trade vide No. 15/2015-2020 dt 02/8/2017 shall be issued by the DFO concerned on the strength of the transit pass issued by the Range Officer.

(viii) A certified copy of the **registration/ownership certificate** and the original copy of the **transit pass** and/or **certificate of origin** (as the case may be) shall be in the possession of the person transporting the bamboo under it, and must be produced by such person at Forest Check-gates or whenever called upon to do so by a Forest Officer.

(ix) Transportation of cut bamboo and bamboo products will be done only with valid documents issued by the authorized Forest Officer(s) as stated at para (viii) above.

(x) Any bamboo in transit/extracted without all the required valid documents shall be confiscated to the State Government.

(xi) No royalty will be levied for the bamboos extracted from a private bamboo plantation raised in non-forest land by a private individual.

I have read and understood the above conditions under which this certificate of registration is issued to me and I undertake to abide by the above conditions and rules for felling and transit of bamboos from the bamboo plantation registered in my favour.

Date :
Place :

Signature of Certificate holder:
Full name (in capital letters) :

APPENDIX – (i)

Proforma for issue of Certificate of Origin (CCO) for export of Muli-bamboo (Melocanna baccifera)
(To be issued by the EF&CC Department, Govt. of Mizoram)

Certificate of Origin

Ref. Export of Muli-bamboo (Melocanna baccifera) as per the provision of Export Policy

Certificate No. **Date :**

1.	Name and Address of applicant	
2	Registration No. and date of registration **(Attach a copy of Registration)**	
3	Address of location of goods in question	
4	Date(s) of inspection	
5	Source of Muli-bamboo (Melconna baccifera)	
6	Details of quantity of Muli-bamboo (Melconna baccifera) proposed for export **(In Metric Tons)**	

1. It is certified that Muli-bamboo proposed for export has been obtained from legal source.

2. The certificate is valid for the period of two months from the date of issue.

Given this.....day of.....month and year at.....(place)

(Authorized signatory of State Government)

APPENDIX – (ii)

Form for issue of Certificate of Origin (CCO) for export of bamboo products
(To be issued by the EF&CC Department, Govt. of Mizoram)

Certificate of Origin

Reference: Export of bamboo products as per the provision of Export Policy

Certificate No. **Date :**

1.	Name and Address of applicant	
2	Registration No. and date of registration **(attach a copy of registration)**	
3	Address of location of goods in question	
4	Date(s) of inspection	
5	Source of Bamboo (Location and Name of the State)	
6	Details of bamboo products* proposed for export **(in Metric Ton/Sq.Mt./Number)** **Products (specify)** Furniture: .....units Mats : .....units Artifacts : .....units	

Note : * *The finished products of define shape are to be photographed with appropriate measuring tape/scale kept beside to give an indication of size and the photograph must be included and certified.*

1. It is certified that bamboo used for making its products has been verified to have been obtained from legal source.

2. The certificate is valid for the period of two months from the date of issue.

Given this.....day of.....month and year
at.....(place)

(Authorized signatory of State Government)

APPENDIX – (iii)

Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department
Name of State : Mizoram

Form for Pan India/Nationalized Transit Permit for inter-State movement of all species of Bamboo within the country

1. Details of Issuing Authority
   a) Name of Officer :
   b) Designation of Official :
   c) Office Address with Telephone No :
   d) Email and Mobile No. :
2. Permit No._____
3. Details of the person(s)/entity to whom the permit is granted:-
   a) Name :
   b) Aadhar Number/Registration No. in case of a firm :
   c) Address :
   d) Email and contact details :
4. Date of Issue :
5. Details of Produce:

Sl. No	Produce	Quantity in number/weight as applicable	Source of Origin	Remarks, if any
1	Bamboo Species: (i) (ii) (iii)			
2	Bamboo Produce: (i) (ii) (iii)			

6. Route(s) by which timber of indicated species/produce will be transported:
7. Mode of Inter-State transport:
8. Details of Final Destination:
9. Marking through Transit by the concerned States:
10. Date of expiry of permit (validity of permit is 45 days from date of issue) Date to be indicated.

DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER,
_____Forest Division
(Name, date and seal)

Memo Mo.....
Copy to:-

1. For concerned Conservator of Forests
2. For concerned Range Officers
3. For concerned trader/consumer
4. For Office copy.

DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER,
_____Forest Division
(Name, date and seal)