GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
FORESTRY, WILDLIFE & FISHERIES
DEPARTMENT

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NOTIFICATION

No. SOFT(EXT)IV-01-2023 .-In exercise of the powers conferred under section 41 of the Forest Act, 1927 (XVI of 1927), Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following rules:

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) These rules may be cited as the Punjab Forest Transit Rules 2024.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.**- (1) In the rules, unless the subject or context requires otherwise:

(a) "Act" means the Forest Act, 1927 (XVI of 1927); and
(b) "rules" means the Punjab Forest Transit Rules 2024.

(2) A word or expression used but not defined in the rules shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Act and rules made thereunder.

3. Check-post.- (1) The Conservator of Forests, in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner and District Police Officer, shall notify as many check-posts as deemed necessary to regulate transit of the forest produce.

(2) The Conservator of Forests may, at any time, abolish a check-post after recording reasons in writing.

(3) The Conservator of Forests shall supply copies of orders under sub-rules (1) and (2) to the Deputy Commissioner, District Police Officer and other's concerned.

(4) The Divisional Forest Officer shall deploy staff at the check-post under intimation to the Conservator of Forests.

(5) The Chief Conservator of Forests, Conservator of Forests and Divisional Forest Officer may, as the case may be, by order, constitute a mobile squad to regulate transit of the forest produce.

(6) A person shall not transit the forest produce in or out of a forest division without a valid transit pass and shall transit the forest produce through such check-posts as specified in the transit pass for examination.

(7) No forest produce shall be transited at a check-post between the hours of sunset and sunrise unless otherwise permitted by the Divisional Forest Officer.

4. Transit pass. (1) The concerned Divisional Forest Officer shall, for transit of the forest produce, issue a transit pass in the form specified by the Conservator of Forests, subject to:

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(a) verification of trees to be cut other than forest or State land; and

(b) payment of rupees one thousand as fee, for one loader vehicle, in the Provincial Consolidated Account – I under G-10402 Forest Remittances through Challan Form 32-A.

(2) The transit pass shall specify:

(a) kind and quantity of the forest produce;
(b) registered mark or marks on the forest produce;
(c) name of owner or person in charge of the forest produce;
(d) place where the forest produce cut or prepared;
(e) destination;
(f) route;
(g) name of the check-posts where the forest produce examines; and
(h) date, place of issue of the transit pass, period of validity and bar code.

(3) No forest produce shall bring into or take away from any forest division or transit through any part of it without a valid original transit pass.

(4) The valid original transit pass shall be produced at the check post or to the mobile squad, as the case may be.

(5) The concerned Divisional Forest Officer may refuse to issue a transit pass if he has reason to believe that the forest produce has not been legally acquired.



5. Hammer-mark.- Unless exempted by the Conservator of Forests or concerned Divisional Forest Officer, no timber shall be imported or exported or moved into any forest division except it bears the following hammer-mark:

(a) in case of timber belonging to the other Government Departments or agencies, the legible property mark of such Department or agency;
(b) in case of timber sold by the Forest Department, the sale hammer-mark; and
(c) in case of timber obtained from other source, the person intended to transit it, shall apply to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer mark prescribed by the Government for that purpose or may exempt it from such marking.

6. Exemptions.- (1) The, provisions of rule 5 shall not apply to timber fashioned into articles of furniture, carts, carriages, agriculture or other implements.

(2) The Conservator of Forests or the concerned Divisional Forest Officer may exempt, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, a forest produce or any specified class of it, from the operation of any of the rules, and may withdraw such exemption in the public interest.

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7. **Procedure to be followed by checking staff.**-(1) Any person in charge of the forest produce shall produce valid original transit pass for examination by the forest officer in charge of the check-post or mobile squad, as the case may be.

(2) If the forest officer in charge of a check-post or mobile squad finds that the forest produce is being transited in accordance with the transit pass, he shall allow it to be transited further.

(3) The forest officer in charge of a check-post shall maintain the record of all the transit passes in the registers, issued by the concerned Divisional Forest Officers, on the pattern specified by the Government.

(4) If the forest officer in charge of the check-post or mobile squad finds that the forest produce is not being imported, exported or moved in accordance with the transit pass, he shall forbid such import, export or movement and shall seize such produce together with all tools, boats, vehicles, carts or cattles or animals used for the import, export or movement and shall take action under the Act and shall report the matter, without any delay, to his superior officer for orders.

(5) Any forest officer may stop and examine any forest produce, in transit in respect of which there is reason to believe that produce or on account of any duty, fee, royalty or charge due on the forest produce or when it is desirable under the Act or to see the mark and in order to compare it with the transit pass.

8. **Report.**- The Chief Conservator of Forests (Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation), Punjab, Lahore shall generate monthly report for the implementation of the rules.

9. **Repeal.**- The Punjab Forest Transit Rules 2013 are hereby repealed.

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9. All Chief Conservators of Forests in Punjab.
10. All Conservators of Forests in Punjab.
11. All Divisional Forest Officers in Punjab.
12. The Director, Budget & Accounts (Forests), 24-Cooper Road, Lahore.
13. The Director, Forest Service Academy, Ghora Galli, Murree.
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