## **GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA**

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT No. 31 of 2002

The Local Government Act (Laws, Volume 16, Cap. 281)

## The Samfya District Council (Timber Levy) By-laws, 2002

In exercise of the powers contained in section sixty-nine and seventysix of the Local Government Act, the following By-laws are hereby made:

- 1. These By-laws may be cited as the Samfya District Council (Timber levy) By-laws, 2002.
  - 2. In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation

- "area" means the area under the jurisdiction of the Council;
- "checkpoint" means anypoint within the area of the Council designated as such by the Council for the purpose of payment and collection of levies;
- "collector" means any officer or agent of the Council authorised to collect timber levy for the Council;
- "Council" means Samfya District Council; and
- "timber" means all types of logs and planks which are the products of timber.
- 3. (1) Any person who cuts timber from the area for sell or use outside the Council area shall pay a timber levy at the following rate.

Timber levy

- (a) five thousand Kwacha per each log.
- 4. No person shall sell timber within the area for which no timber levy has been paid to the Council.

No sale of t i m b e r w i t h o u t payment of timber levy

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Payment and collection of timber levy

- 5. (1) Timber levy shall become payable immediately after cutting the timber.
- (2) The timber shall be measured in square metres, and shall be collected by a collector either at Check-point.
- (3) Upon payment of the timber levy by the payee, the collector shall immediately issue an official receipt for each such payment.

Offences and penalties

- 6. (1) Any person who contravenes these By-laws commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction—
  - (a) in the case of a first offence, to a fine not exceeding eighty penalty units or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment;
  - (b) in the case of a continuing contravention to a fine not exceeding sixteen penalty units for every day during which the contravention continues.
- (2) In addition to any penalty prescribed by sub by-law (1), the Court may order that any expenses incurred by the council in consequence of such contravention be paid by the person committing the offence.

J. CHIKONTWE, Chairman, Samfya District Council

J. Mulalambuka, Secretary, Samfya District Council

Confirmed by me at Lusaka this 5th day of April, 2002.

Lusaka 5th April, 2002 M. M. Mabenga,

Minister Local Government

and Housing