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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT No. 7 OF 1997

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**The Forests Act**  
(Laws, Volume VI, Cap. 311)

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**The Forests (Timber Export) Regulations, 1997**

IN EXERCISE of the powers contained in section *sixty-eight* of the Forests Act, the following Regulations are hereby made:

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| 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Forests (Timber Export) Regulations, 1997.  | Title                 |
| 2. In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires—   | Interpreta-<br>tion   |
| " exporter " means a producer of timber who exports timber or a timber merchant;   |                       |
| " timber concession " shall have the meaning assigned to the term in the Act;  |                       |
| " finished timber products " means timber products which have been processed and are in component pieces;                                |                       |
| " forest officer " shall have the meaning assigned to the term in the Act;   |                       |
| " indigenous timber " means timber obtained from any natural forest in Zambia;   |                       |
| " inspector " shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Standards Act;  |                       |
| " plantation tree " means a tree from a track of land which is cultivated with trees;  | Act No. 20<br>of 1994 |
| " planted species " means cultivated trees;  |                       |
| " quota " means the maximum volume of timber which an exporter may export at a time, calculated as a percentage of the total production; |                       |
| " letter " means a letter of credit;   |                       |
| " sawn timber " means timber which has been sawn by a sawmill or pitsaw in accordance with a customer's specifications;                  |                       |
| " timber " shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Act;   |                       |
| " timber merchant " means a person engaged in the export of timber or timber products, who is not a holder of a timber concession; and   |                       |
| " timber products " means sawn planks.   |                       |

- (2) The exporter shall issue to the buyer a quotation stating—
- (a) the price, either free on board, or cost, insurance and freight, of the product;
  - (b) the quantity of the product; and
  - (c) the quality of the product.
- (3) The exporter shall, when requested so to do by the buyer, send a sample of a specified product to be exported, to the buyer.
- (4) The exporter shall issue a proforma invoice, when the buyer accepts the quotation, stating the—
- (a) timber product specification;
  - (b) quantity of the timber product;
  - (c) price of the timber product;
  - (d) delivered term of the product;
  - (e) receiving bank; and
  - (f) validity of the offer.
- (5) The buyer shall open an irrevocable confirmed letter or use a telegraphic transfer of funds through the exporter's bank.
- (6) The exporter's bank shall advise the supplier when an irrevocable letter or a telegraphic transfer of funds is received.
- (7) The exporter's bank shall issue an Export Declaration Form comprising the—
- (a) export permit;
  - (b) customs bill of entry; and
  - (c) customs declaration.
- (8) The exporter shall submit the Export Declaration Form accompanied by the following documents to a customs official:
- (a) a commercial invoice;
  - (b) a packing list;
  - (c) a certificate of origin (duly signed by the approving authorities);
  - (d) shipping consignment notes;
  - (e) a certificate of export;
  - (f) a certificate of agreement (where applicable); and
  - (g) records of production.

(9) An exporter shall only ship the export product on completion of the formalities referred to in sub-regulations (1) to (8).

(10) The exporter shall present the documents listed in sub-regulation (8) to the exporter's banker for payment on—

- (a) completion of all export formalities; and
- (b) receipt of the export product by the buyer.

14. An exporter shall pay to any forest officer authorised to collect such fee, an export fee on the export of a consignment of timber that an exporter exports, and that fee shall be calculated at six percent of the value of such consignment of timber.

Payment of  
export fee

(2) An exporter shall pay the export fee in sub-regulation (1) prior to the shipment of a consignment of timber.

15. A customs officer shall—

- (a) inspect the consignment of timber to be exported and the clearance certificate at the port of exit;
- (b) verify whether or not the details on the clearance certificate match the consignment of timber; and
- (c) endorse the clearance certificate with the appropriate results of such inspection.

Inspection  
by customs  
officer

