

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 27 OF 2006

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

**The Mpika District Council (Timber Levy) By-laws, 2006**

IN EXERCISE of the powers contained in sections *sixty-nine* and *Seventy-six* of the Local Government Act, the following By-laws are hereby made:

1. These By-laws may be cited as the Mpika District Council (Timber Levy) By-laws, 2006. Title
2. In these By-laws unless the context otherwise requires—  
“ area ” means the area under the jurisdiction of the council; Interpreta-  
tion  
“ checkpoint ” means any place within the area designated by the Council for the purposes of checking timber, payment and collection of timber levy;  
“ collector ” means any officer of the Council authorised by the Council to collect revenue for the Council;  
“ Council ” means Mpika District Council; and  
“ timber ” means the part of any felled or fallen tree which has been cut off, or can be cut off, to provide wood whether sawn, split, hewn, sliced, veneered or otherwise fashioned, which is sound and reasonably straight, and which is one point two metres or more and thirty centimeters or more in diameter.
3. (1) Any person who buys and sells timber within the area or exports timber from the area shall pay to the Council a timber levy at the following rates: Imposition  
of timber  
levy
  - (a) five thousand kwacha per plunk;
  - (b) fifty thousand kwacha per vehicle with a carrying capacity of one to five tonnes of timber;
  - (c) one hundred thousand kwacha per vehicle with a carrying capacity of five to ten tonnes of timber; or

(d) one hundred and fifty thousand kwacha per vehicle with a carrying capacity of ten tonnes and above of timber;

No sale of timber without the payment of timber levy

4. A person shall not sell within, or export from, the area any timber which has not been counted at a check point and in respect of which timber levy has not been paid to the council.

Place of payment and collection of timber levy

5. (1) A person who sells timber within the area or exports timber from the area shall pay a timber levy to the collector at a check point.

(2) The collector shall immediately after receiving the levy issue an official receipt to the person paying the timber levy for each such payment.

Offences and Penalties

6. (1) Any person who contravenes any provision of these By-laws, commits an offence and shall be liable, upon conviction—

(a) in the case of the first offence, to a fine not exceeding eighty penalty units or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or both; and

(b) in the case of a second or subsequent offence to a fine of sixteen penalty units for each day during which the contravention continues.

(2) In addition to any penalty prescribed by sub-law (1) the court may order that any expenses incurred by the Council in consequence of such contravention shall be paid by the person committing the contravention.

Made by the Mpika District Council this 3rd day of September, 2004.

M. S. CHLESHE,  
Council Chairman,  
Mpika District Council

A. M. BWALYA,  
Council Secretary,  
Mpika District Council

Confirmed by me the 1st day of March, 2006.

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1st March, 2006

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A. MULENGA,  
Minister of Local Government  
and Housing