

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 48 OF 2007

The Local Government Act
(Laws, Volume 16, Cap. 281)**The Mansa Municipal Council (Timber Levy)****By-laws, 2007**

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

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| 1. These By-laws may be cited as the Mansa Municipal Council (Timber Levy) By-laws, 2007. | Title |
| 2. In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise requires— | Interpretation |
| “area” means the area under the jurisdiction of the Council; | |
| “check point” means any place within the area designated by the Council for the payment of timber levy; | |
| “collector” means an officer of the Council authorised to collect revenue for the Council or any person or agent authorised by the Council; | |
| “Council” means the Mansa Municipal Council; | |
| “timber” means the part of any fallen or felled tree which has been cut off or can be cut off to provide wood, whether sawn, sliced, veneered or otherwise fashioned, is sound and reasonably straight, and which is one point two metre or more long and thirty centimetres or more in minimum diametre under back. | |
| 3. Any person who buys or sells timber within the area shall pay to the Council a timber levy at the following rates: | Imposition of timber levy |
| (a) in the case of planks sold within that area, a levy of one thousand kwacha per plank; and | |
| (b) in the case of plunks exported out of the area two thousand kwacha per plunk. | |

No sale or
export of
timber without
payment of
timber levy

4. A person shall not sell timber within the area or export from the area any timber which has not been counted and for which no timber levy has been paid to the Council.

Place of
payment and
collection of
timber levy

5. (1) A person who buys, sells or exports timber shall pay a timber levy to the collector at the check point at which the timber is counted.

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

Offences and
penalties

6. (1) A person who contravenes these By-laws commits an offence and is liable, upon conviction—

(a) to a fine not exceeding eighty penalty units or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to both; and

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

(2) In addition to any penalty prescribed under 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 contravention.

Made by the Mansa Municipal Council this Tuesday 12th day of June, 2007.

A. MUSONDA,
Mayor
Mansa Municipal Council

B. KAPUMPA,
Town clerk
Mansa Municipal Council

Confirmed by me this 28th day of June, 2007.

S. T. MASEBO,
Minister of Local Government
and Housing

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27th June, 2007

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