

Regulations Issued Pursuant to the State Forest
Proclamation No. 225 of 1965

1. *Issuing Authority*

These Regulations are issued by the Minister of Agriculture pursuant to authority vested in him by Article 7(d), (e) and (k) of the State Forest Proclamation No. 225 of 1965.

2. *Short Title*

These Regulation may be cited as the "Powers of Rangers Regulation, 1968".

3. *Definitions*

In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires, the words: "forest", "forest tree", "forest product", "Minister", "person" and "wildlife" shall have the meaning set forth in Article 3 of the State Forest Proclamation No. 225 of 1965.

Establishment of Forest Ranger Service

There is hereby established a forest ranger service for the protection of forests and the implementation of forestry laws and regulations.

5. *Duties and Powers of Forest Rangers*

Subject to instructions to be issued by the Minister from time to time, Forest Rangers shall have the duty and power to:

- (1) mark forest trees suitable for exploitation;
- (2) ensure that exploitation of forest products is carried out in accordance with cutting permits and/or concession agreements;
- (3) issue certificates of origin for forest products being utilized, removed or possessed in accordance with forestry laws and regulations;
- (4) ensure that the exploitation of forest products is carried out in accordance with forest operation plans;
- (5) Supervise the execution of afforestation and reforestation schemes;
- (6) measure and control forest products being utilized, removed or possessed in accordance with forestry laws and regulations;
- (7) report general forest conditions to the Provincial Agricultural Office;
- (8) require any person found in possession of forest products to produce valid certificates of origin;
- (9) take over possession of forest products as well as the vehicle or animals, if any, on which they are loaded, from any person found in possession of forest products without valid certificates of origin.

Any forest ranger who has occasion to take action as provided in Article 5(8) or 5(9) above shall report to the nearest Agricultural office.

6. *Uniforms and Arms.*

Forest rangers shall, while on duty, wear such uniforms and arms as shall be determined by the Minister.

7. *Penal.*

Any person violating the provisions of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction be punished in accordance with the Penal Code.

8. *Effective Date*

These Regulations shall enter into force on the date of their publication in the *Negarit Gazeta*.

Done at Addis Ababa this 30th day of September 1968.

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