LEGAL NOTICE No. 347 of 1968

Regulation Issued Pursuant to the Protective Forests Proclamation No. 227 of 1965.

1. Issuing Authority

These Regulations are issued by the Minister of Agriculture pursuant to authority vested in him by Article 8(a) of the Protective Forest Proclamation No. 227 of 1965.

2. Short Title

These Regulations May be cited as the "Management of Protective Forests Regulations, 1968".

2. Definitions

In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires, the words: "forests", "forest tree", "forest product," "Minister", "Ministry", "person" and "wildlife" shall have the meaning as set forth in Article 3 of the Protective Forests Proclamation No. 227 of 1965.

4. Management Plan

Utilization, conservation or afforestation of a protective forest, regardless of ownership, area and type of vegetative cover, shall be in conformity with a management plan officially approved and issued by the Ministry in respect of such forest.

5. Utilization

- (1) No person shall utilize any protective forest unless the method of utilization is moderate, selective cutting in conformity with the inanagement plan approved and issued by the Ministry in respect of such forest in accordance with Article 4 above.
- (2) No tree in a protective forest for which a cutting permit has been issued shall be cut under the management plan unless previously marked by the Ministry.
- (3) No person shall clear stumps or roots in protective forests.
- (4) Hauling of forest products shall be in a manner which does not tend to create waterholes and crosion and shall conform to the management plan.
- (5) No owner of a protective forest shall utilize such forest without first obtaining an exploitation permit in conformity with Article 7 of Exploitation of Private Forests Regulations No. 346 of 1968.

6. Marketing

All vendors of forest products selling such products under an exploitation permit shall issue to the purchaser proper receipts which should indicate the number of the exploitation permit and the kind and amount of forest products sold. No person shall utilize, process or possess forest products without a receipt which indicates the number of the exploitation permit.

7. Afforestation

- (1) Any land bearing little or no vegetation and classified as protective forest under Article 4 of the Protective Forests Proclamation No. 227 of 1965 shall be afforested in conformity with the management plan.
- (2) Afforestation expenses of State-owned protective forests shall be borne by the Imperial Ethiopian Government. Privately owned protective forests shall be afforested by the owner.

8. Penal

Any person violating the provisions of these Regulations or commits any offence under Article 9 of the Protective Forest Proclamation No. 227 of 1965 shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be punished in accordance with Penal Code.

9. 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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