

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Agriculture (Forest General) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O. (P) 100/77/Agri.

Dated, Trivandrum, 23rd March 1977

S.R.O. No. 283 77- In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 39,40, and 76 of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962) the Government of Kerala hereby make the following further amendment Notification G.O.(P)349/75/AD dated the 22nd November 1975 and published as S.,R.O. No. 76/76 in Kerala Gazette No. 3 dated the 20th January 1976 namely:-

AMENDMENTS

In the said rules.

For rule 5, the following rule shall be submitted, namely:-

5. Passes for import, export or transport - (1) In the case of forest produce imported from other states, the pass shall be in Form IV printed on red paper. Passes issued by Officers and merchants of other States shall be honored till the consignments covered by such passes reach the first Forest watch Station/Checking station on the route of transport. On reaching the station, the passes shall be surrendered to the Officer in Charge of such station, who shall then issue a pass in Form IV in red paper in lieu of the pass surrendered and stamp the timber with his mark before the consignment leaves his station. The pass in Form IV (red) shall be in duplicate, the original to be handed over to the person transporting the produce and the duplicate to be kept as counter-foil at the watch station.

(2) In the case of timber transported to other States or from one place to another within the State by merchants of others who have registered their property marks, the pass shall be in Form IV printed on white paper, the forms being obtained from the Forest Department. Passes in Form IV (White) shall be triplicate and shall have all the columns filled up by the owner of the depot or his authorized agent. The original shall be handed over to the person authorized to move the timber and the duplicate shall be sent to the Divisional Forest Officer in whose jurisdiction the depot is situate. The triplicate shall be kept as counterfoil at least for one year from the date of issue, and shall be produced for inspection at any time within that period on demand by any Forest Officer not below the rank of a Forester.

By Order of the Governor
K.V. Vidyadharan
Additional Secretary

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport)

The practice in vogue in the Forest Department, prior to the issue of Kerala Forest Produce Transit Rules 1975, was that passes issued by the timber traders who have registered their property with Department for the movement of forest produce to outside the State were valid. This helped very much in effecting speedy sale of timber and other forest produce to the consumers outside the State. But with the introduction of the Kerala Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1975 the position has changed. For according the said rules the movement of timber and other forest produce for private timber yard to outside the State should be covered by an export way permit issued by the Divisional Forest Officer. Most of the timber traders have their timber yard. The Divisional Forest Officer is a touring officer and on many a day he will be away from Head Quarters. This often causes hardship to the registered timber traders to conduct sales outside the state, the timber trade may face a crisis and breakdown, adversely affecting State revenue. The Government have therefore decided to restore the privilege exercised by the registered property mark holders to issue export way permits for transport of timber to other States by themselves.

The notification is intended to achieve the above objects.

for Chief Conservator of Forests