

Copy of letter No.31013/F1/67/Agri. dated 16-6-1967 from the Secretary to Government, Agriculture and Rural Development Department (Agriculture Forest), Trivandrum to the Chief Conservator of Forests.

Sub:- Weights and Measures – Metric system – adoption of metric units in Timber trade –

Ref:- Letter No.C.5074/67 dated 24-5-1967 from the Controller of Weights & Measures.

I am forwarding herewith copy of the above letter together with copy of its enclosure for information and necessary action.

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Endt. on A5-21353/67 (L.Dis) dated 7-7-1967.

Copy communicated to all Sub-Offices for information and necessary action.
Copy to C Section and Stock file.

Chief Conservator's Office,
Trivandrum.

Sd/-
For Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Copy of letter No.WM.9 (2)/65.II dated 18-4-1967 from the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce, addressed to the co-coordinating Officers in the States.
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Sub:- Adoption of Metric System in Timber trade –

The question of the adoption of rationalized cut sizes of timber has been under consideration of the Government of India for some time.

2. The Indian standards Institution has now revised its specifications for cut sizes of timber and has published the first Revision of IS.1331-1966inwhich the cut sizes of timber have been rationalized in terms of the metric system.

3. The Indian Standards Institution is also getting printed the Indian standard Tables for volumes of cut sizes of timber (Revision of IS: 2377-1963).

4. In view of the fact that the ISI has now got ready these two specifications viz. for rationalized cut sizes and for calculating volumes of these cut sizes, it is essential that the change over to the raw rationalized sizes should be made at an early date that the inconvenience of using old converted inch sizes could be removed once for all.

5. To achieve this objective it will be necessary that country wide coordinated action should be taken by the Government as well as the timber suppliers to adopt the new sizes. So far as the Departments of the Central and State Governments such as the CPWD, PWD and others are concerned, it would be necessary that all the purchases of cut timber should be made in conformity with the new rationalized cut sizes. Where some Government Departments cut the timber themselves, they should also start cutting to the new sizes from a given date. Calculations of volume should be made on the basis of the new sizes particularly where the Government Departments. Undertaking the cutting of the timber.

The general trade in timber is also being approached to switch over to the now rationalized sizes completely from the given date. The suppliers of cut timber would be asked to stop production of inch sizes from that date.

6. It will be necessary to give adequate timber for preparatory work such as disposal of old stock, change of specifications, etc. in connection with the complete change over to the new sizes. It is therefore suggested that the adoption of the new rationalized cut sizes of timber as prescribed in IS:1331-1966 First Revision (Indian standard specification for cut sizes of timber) should be effected by all the authorities in the states and at the centre so as to complete the task by 1st October, 1967. The timber Associations in the country are also being requested to honor orders in the new sizes should they come before the 1st October, 1967. He orders for the supply of timber in old sizes would be entertained by suppliers after 1st October, 1967.

7. I shall be grateful if you will kindly instruct all the timber using and producing authorities and agencies in the State to order the timber in the now sizes well before 1st October, 1967. If any case, no order should be placed for the inch size timber from 1-10-1967.

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Copy of letter No.C.5074/67 dated 24-5-1967 from the Controller of Weights and Measures, addressed to the Secretary to Government, Revenue (K) Department.

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Sub:- Weights and Measures – Metric System – adoption of metric system in
Timber Trade - regarding –
Ref:- Government No.17771/K2/67/RD dated 4-5-1967 of Revenue (K)
Department.

A copy of Government of India's letter referred to has already been received here and necessary instructions have been issued to the Inspectors of Weights and Measures in the matter.

In this connection I may report that the public works Department and the Forest Department who are mostly concerned with the subject may kindly be instructed to adhere the directions contained in the Government of India's letter.

I have also to hold conference of timber merchants at Kozhikode and Ernakulam two loading towns in timber trade in the near future to impress up on from the merchants the need for the adoption of rational sizes of cut timber.

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Endt. on A1-12146/67 dated 2-8-1967.

Copy to Sections HA, A1, A2, TR, ML, KT, and CH.

Copy to Circular file.

For Conservator of Forests.

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