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G. O. Ms. No. 518, Agriculture, dated 23rd February 1968 S.R.O. No. A-352 of 1968. - In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 35 and 36 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882 (Tamil Nadu Act V of 1882) and in supersession of all previous notifications on the subject, the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following rules to regulate the transit of timber in Tamil Nadu.

(1) These rules may be called the Tamil Nadu Timber Transit Rules, 1968. Short title and extent

(2) They extend to the whole of the State of Tamil Nadu. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,- Definition

(1) "Act" means the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882 (Tamil Nadu Act V of 1882);

(2) "Schedule" means a Schedule appended to these rules;

(3) "timber" includes all classes of timber as defined in the Act, except-

(a) ¹[.....]

(b) "all sawn timber where the smallest dimension

is less than 5cm. in thickness and does not exceed 12 decimetres in length"

(c) timber removed under the concession granted in rule 7 of the general rules under section 26 of the Act, and

(d) small wood for fuel and bamboos in head leads or smaller quantities;

(e) firewood purchased from depots or markets for domestic consumption if transported within the municipal limits, under cover of invoice given by depot keepers.

(f) *Prosopis juliflora*-(Tamil Name-Seemai parambai, Seemai karuvai, Velikaruvai, Trade Name-The mesquite)

(g) *Casuarina equisetifolia*-Tamil Name-Savukku Trade Name-Casuarina.

¹[(h) *Sababul* (Tamil Name-Sanvuobel; Trade Name-Subabul; Botanical Name-*Ledcoena leucocephala*);]

(i) *Eucalyptus hybrid* – (Tamil Nadu – Nilgiris tree; trade name – Nilgiris tree, Botanical name – *Eucalyptus teriticinis*)

(j) *Palmyra*-(Tamil Name-Panai; Trade Name-Palmya; Botanical Name-*Borassus Flabellifer*);

(k) *Poovarasu* (Tamil Nadu – Poovara; trade name *Portia*, Botanical name – *Thespesia populnea*)

(l) *Dadops* (Tamil Name-Kalyana Murungai; Trade Name-Coral tree; Botanical Name-*Erythrina indica*)

³[(m) *Nattu Odai* (Tamil Nadu-Nattu Odari; Trade name-Umbrella thorn; Botanical Name-*Acacia Planeferons*).

(n) *Silver Oak* (Tamil Nadu – Silver Oak, Senai Savukku (Nilgiris) Trade name – Silver oak, Botanical name – *Grevillea robusta* a. Guna]

S. No	Botanical Name	Tamil Name	Trade Name
1	<i>Acacia leucophloea</i>	Velvelan	Panicled Acacia, White bark Acacia
2	<i>Ailanthus excels</i>	Pimaram, Perumaram	Pinari, Maharukh

S. No	Botanical Name	Tamil Name	Trade Name
3	Albizia lebbeck	Vagai	East Indian walnut, Kokko, Siris
4	Anacardium occidentale	Mundri	Cashew
5	Anthocephalus cadamba	Vella Cadambu, Kola-aiyila	Kadam
<hr/> 1. Sub clauses (h) to (l) added as per G.O.Ms.No.296 Environment & Forest Dated 18.11.1988-SRO-A.No.233/88) G.O.Ms.242 Environment & Forest Dated 24.6.1992 2. Sub-Clauses (h) inserted by G.o.Ms.No.296 Dated 18.11.1988 3. Sub-Clauses (i) and (k) omitted and (n) inserted by G.O. Ms. No. 165, Environment and Forests (FR13), 30th November 2009 4. Sub-Clauses (m) & (n) inserted by G.O.Ms.No.242 Environment & Forest Dated 24.06.1992			
		Mullilavu, Ilavu, Kopok	
		Malai-Elavam, Pula	
10	Borassus flabellifer	Panai, Karimpanai	Palmyra Palm
11	Caesalpinia sappan	Sapangu, Patunga	Sappan
12	Cassia Siamea	Ponavarai, Sinnakonnai, Manja	Cassia
		Konnai, Simai avarai	
13	Casuarina junghuniana	Savukku	Casuarina
14	Ceiba pentandra	Elavampanju, Ulagamaram, Ilavu	White silk cotton tree, Kapok
15	Dalbergia Sissoo	Sissoo, Shisham	Sissoo
16	Erythrina spp (All Species)	Murkku, Kalyanamurungai	Coral Tree
17	Eucalyptus. spp (Except E. globulus & E. grandis)	Thailamaram (Except Karpuramaram)	Eucalyptus
18	Gmelina arborea	Kumalan, Kumil, Kumla, Umithekku, Kumadi	Gamari
19	Hevea brasiliensis	Rubber	Rubber
20	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Nir-paruthi, Aatru-puvarasu	Sea Hibiscus
21	Leucaena leucocephala	Natta savundal	Subabul, Koobabul
22	Madhuca spp (All Species)	Iluppai	Mohua
23	Mangifera indica	Mamaram	Mango
24	Melia azedarach	Malai Vembu, Turuka Vembu	Persian Lilac
25	Melia dubia	Malai Vembu,	Malabar neem

S. No	Botanical Name	Tamil Name	Trade Name
		Masaveppu	
26	Morinda tomentosa	Nona, Manjanathi	Morinda, Suranji, Tagari wood of Madras
27	Pithecellobium spp. (All species)	Kodukapuli, Korukkappuli	Manilla tamarind
28	Pongamia pinnata	Pungam	Indian beech, Pongam
29	Samanea saman	Thoongu Moonji	Rain tree
		Maram	
30	Swietenia macrophylla	Mahogany	Mahogany
31	Swietenia mahogany	Mahogany	Mahogany
32	Syzygium spp. (All species)	Naval	Indian cherry, jamun
33	Tamarindus indica	Puli,Pulian	Tamarind
34	Tecoma stans	swarna-patti	Esperanza
35	Thespesia populnea	poovarasu	Indian Portia tree, Indian Tulip
36	Toona ciliate	Malavembu, Santhanavembu, Karansuli	Toon, Red Cedar

¹[2A.No person shall move timber into or from, or within the State by land, water or air unless such timber is accompanied by a permit prescribed therefor under rule 4: Conditions of transit of timber

Provided that where timber is moved within the limits of a municipality or a corporation under an invoice given by a timber Merchants, no permit is necessary for the transport of such timber.]

(i) In the case of timber from Government lands, the permit shall be in the form of Head Load, Cart load or in Form I and a fee shall be charged at the rates specified below: Form of permit

Form of permit	Fees Rs.
(a) Head Load	0.10 each
(b) Cart Load	1.00 each
(c) Form I (Lorry Load)	10.00 each

(G O. Ms. No. 1361, Forests and Fisheries, dated the 20th November 1981)

(ii) In the case of timber fuel, and bamboos from private lands markets or depots in the District and in the case of subsequent movement of timber fuel and bamboos the permit shall be in Form II (Lorry Load), as the case may be, and shall be in print. The permit shall, on application, be issued by the Range Officer, having jurisdiction on payment of a fee calculated at the rates specified below:-

Form of permit	Fees Rs.
Cart Load	1.00 each
Form I (Lorry Load)	10.00 each

No other permit shall be used:

Provided that Foresters may issue permits for removal of firewood from patta lands subject to the condition that they may issue such permits for not more than two cart loads at a time and not more than ten cart loads in a month in respect of the same individual, on production of a certificate of ownership of his patta land issued by appropriate revenue authority.

(G. O. Ms. No. 1361, Forests and Fisheries, dated the 20th November 1981)

(iii) The permit referred to, in this rule shall be either in English or Tamil Language.

(iv) A way-permit in Form III shall be granted in exchange for each permit in Form-I or Form II at the first checking station on the route by which the timber passes.

(a) Permits in Form I shall be in triplicate and shall have all parts filled up by the District Forest Officer or any Officer duly authorised by him. The District Forest Officer, or the Officer so authorised, as the case may be, shall sign, and date each part, hand over the original to the person moving the timber, send the duplicate to the Officer in-charge of the forest, and retain the triplicate as counterfoil for record in his office. Issue of permits

(b) Permits in Form II shall be in triplicate and shall have all the parts filled up by the person disposing of the timber or his authorised agent, the original shall be handed over to the person authorised to remove the timber, the duplicate shall be

simultaneously sent to be District Forest Officer concerned and the triplicate shall be retained as a counterfoil for not less than six months from the date of issue of the original and shall be produced for inspection at any time within that period on demand by any Forest Officer not below the rank of Forest Guard.

(G. O. Ms. No. 314, Forests and Fisheries, dated the 23rd March 1981)

Explanation. - The expression Authorised agent in the sub-rule shall mean an agent authorised by the person disposing of the timber and approved by the District Forest Officer.

(c) A person applying to the Range Officer, having jurisdiction for supply of printed forms of permits shall return the counterfoils of the permits, if any supplied to him previously.

(d) Permits shall be issued strictly in the serial order. A fresh permit book shall not be opened before the book in use has been completed and exhausted.

(e) Each cart or other vehicle carrying timber shall be covered by a separate permit in Form I or Form II, as the case may be. In no circumstances shall one permit be issued or used for more than one cart or other vehicle.

(f) The permit in Form I or Form II shall be, valid for the time specified in the permit which shall be determined with reference to the actual time required for the transport of timber, firewood or bamboos, and shall not exceed a period of one month from the date of the issue of the permit.

(g) Permits in Form III shall be in duplicate, the original shall be given in exchange of the original of the permit in Form I or Form II, as the case may be and the duplicate shall be retained by the Officer incharge of the checking station.

(i) The permits referred to in the preceding rules in case of Check of permits import timber and timber for export, be produced with the timber for examination at any station which may be notified,

from time to time, by the Collector in the District Gazette as a Checking Station: and past which the timber may be taken. In the case of timber in transit, the permit shall be produced instantaneously when demanded, any where, within the limits of the scheduled areas, by any Forest Officer or Police Officer or at any of the checking stations notified by the Collector outside the Scheduled areas past which the timber is taken.

Any Police Officer in uniform not below the rank of Head Constable or any Forest Officer not below the rank of Forest Guard or of Tanahdar wherever there are tanahdar may stop any vehicle reasonably suspected of carrying timber within the scheduled area for checking its contents and such vehicles shall not proceed there from until permitted to do so by the said Officer or the Police or Forest Department or the tanahdars as the case may be.

A Vehicle driver with vehicle carrying timber, fuel and bamboos when he passes through a check post with the Form I or Form II permit shall sign in the register maintained in the check post and similarly furnish the vehicle number in Form I or Form II.

No person shall take any timber or pass any timber from, any road or river on which a checking station has been placed, with intent to evade the production of the timber at the checking station.

The quantity of timber in transit shall not be greater than that entered in the permit and if it is less, the same permit shall not be used again to cover the deficiency.

(ii) The Officer-in-charge of the first checking station shall, after satisfying himself that the timber actually comes from the locality and is of the kind stated in the permit in Form I or Form II, as the case may be and is not, in excess of the quantity specified therein, retain such permit and give in exchange therefore a way-permit in Form III duly noting the vehicle number carrying the timber, fuel and bamboos. This way-permit shall protect such timber along the route to its destination and shall be produced and endorsed at all

subsequent checking stations on that route. If the Officer-in-charge of the first checking station is not satisfied and refuses to grant the way-permit, he shall detain the timber and the permit in Form I or Form II, as the case may be, and report the case for the orders of the District Forest Officer, stating clearly his reasons for the action taken.

All timber in transit shall be produced for examination at the first checking station on the authorised route between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., and if such timber arrives at the first checking station after 6 p.m. the Officer in-charge of the checking station may detain it till 6 a.m., following for examination.

Explanation I. - The expression "checking station" in this rule shall include any place within 400 metres thereof.

Explanation II. - In this rule "vehicle" includes lorries, stage carriages, contract carriages, tractors, hand-carts, bullock carts, horse-drawn carriage such as jutkas, cycle rickshaws and hand-pulled rickshaws, three wheeled vehicles and any other mode of conveyance.

(i) The checking stations for timber in transit shall be fixed at any place as deemed necessary by the Government and checking of timber in transit shall not be made within the limits of Municipalities and Corporations, except-

Situation of
checking stations

(a) in cases in which it is considered necessary to guard against smuggling from unreserved lands into towns; or

(b) in places which afford special facilities for the regulation of traffic such as the meeting of roads and water ways.

(iii) No demand shall be made under these rules for the production of permit within the limits of Municipalities and Corporations, except at the checking stations.

(G. O. Ms. No. 971, Forests and Fisheries, dated the 11th August 1983)

(1) The ownership of timber obtained from private lands, markets or depots shall, be indicated by a property mark.

Use and
registration of
property marks

Explanation. - In this rule, the expression, timber "excludes

bamboos and fuel billets not exceeding 12 decimetres in length.

All sawn timber where the smallest dimension is not less than 5cm. in thickness and does not exceed 12 decimetres in length shall qualify as "timber" for fixing departmental hammer marking".

2) All such property marks shall be registered at the District Forest Office. A fee of Rs. 50/- (Rupees fifty only) shall be charged in respect of registration and Rs. 50.00 (Rupees fifty only) for renewal of property mark. It shall be lawful for the District Forest Officer to require from any owner of a property mark, any applicant for registration of property mark and any applicant for the supply of permits in Form II, information relating to the locality, quantity of wood available and any other details which the District Forest Officer may require in order to give effect to these rules. He may refuse the registration of property mark or the issue of Form II permits and may cancel or suspend registration of any property mark if the Information required is not given or if he considers that such property mark is not distinctive or for other good and sufficient reasons. The District Forest Officer shall record his reasons for such refusal, suspension or cancellation and submit his order for confirmation by the District Collector. A certificate in Form IV shall be granted by the District Officer Forest Officer on registration of such properly mark. A registrar of property marks shall be maintained in the District Forest Officer in Form V. The fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances.

(G. O. Ms. No. 1501, Forests and Fisheries, dated the 8th November 1982)

(3) Any person who entrusts his property mark to his authorised agent as defined in Explanation to sub-rule (b) of rule 4 or any other person, shall be liable for the consequences of any illegal act committed under these rules by such authorised agent or other persons.

(4) After the application for the removal of timber is

received the Assistant Conservator Forests or the Ranger concerned shall, as soon as possible, inspect and if the timber stored qualified for issue of transport permit, affix the departmental hammer mark on the timbers.

(G. O. Ms. No. 1409, Forests and Fisheries, dated the 30th October 1980)

(G. O. Ms. No. 438, Forests and Fisheries dated the 15th April 1981).

The registration and each renewal of registrations of property mark shall be valid only in respect of the description and quantity of the timber entered in Form IV and shall, unless otherwise stated, be in force until the first day of April immediately following such registration or renewal.

Date up to which the registration or renewal has effect

No person shall have in his possession or move red sanders timber chips or powder except under a special permit issued by the District Forest Officer in Form VI:

Red Sanders Wood

Provided that nothing contained in this rules shall apply to -

(a) Red sanders wood not exceeding 5kg. in weight carried by any bonafide traveller or any person authorised by him in writing for his personal use, or

(b) red sanders wood cut and carried by a ryot for his own personal use from trees growing on the patta lands of the said ryots or of any neighbouring ryot from whom title to such red sanders wood is derived and provided that he obtained a certificate of title from the [village munsif] and that the quantity cut and carried on each occasion does not exceed 5kg. in weight.

Omitted by G.O.Ms.No.1318, Forest and Fisheries Dated 19.11.1984 Penalties

Annexure
All Revenue Districts In Tamil Nadu
(G. O. Ms. No. 971, Forests and Fisheries, dated the 11th August 1983)

Form I
[See rule 3(i)]
Triplicate
Counterfoil to be retained by the Issuing Officer
Permit No.

(Under the rules under sections 35 and 36 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882)

- 1 Name and residence of the person to whom the permit is granted.
- 2 Quantity
- 3 Description of timber
- 4 Fees paid, if any
- 5 Marks if any on the timber
- 6 From what forest or depot removed
- 7 To what place removed
- 8 Route
- 9 Time allowed
- 10 Vehicle Registration No.
- 11 Remarks

Camp:

Signature of issuing Officer:

Date:

Designation.

Form I

[See rule 3(i)]

Duplicate

Counterfoil to be retained by the Issuing Officer

Permit No.

(Under the rules under sections 35 and 36 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882)

- 1 Name and residence of the person to whom the permit is
granted.
- 2 Quantity
- 3 Description of timber
- 4 Fees paid if any
- 5 Marks if any on the timber
- 6 From forest or depot removed
- 7 To what place removed
- 8 Route
- 9 Time allowed
- 10 Vehicle Registration No.
- 11 Remarks

Camp:

Signature of issuing Officer.

Date:

Designation.

Form I

[See rule 3(i)]

Original

Counterfoil to be retained by the Issuing Officer
Permit No.

(Under the rules under sections 35 and 36 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882)

- 1 Name and residence of the person to whom the permit is

granted.
- 2 Quantity
- 3 Description of timber
- 4 Fees paid if any
- 5 Marks if any on the timber
- 6 From forest or depot removed
- 7 To what place removed
- 8 Route
- 9 Time allowed
- 10 Vehicle Registration No.
- 11 Remarks

Camp:

Signature of issuing Officer:

Date:

Designation.

Form II
Counterfoil to be retained by the Issuing Officer
Permit No.

(Under rule 3(iii) of the rules under sections 35 and 36 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882)

1 Name and residence of the person to whom the permit is

granted.

2 Quantity

3 Description of the firewood, timber or bamboos

5 When obtained

6 To what place removed

7 Route

8 Time allowed

9 Vehicle Registration No.

10 Remarks

Date:

Station:

Signature of the person granting pass

Note. - The time to be entered in column 8 should not exceed the period calculated at 25 Kms per day except with the special permission of the District Forest Officer.

Form II
Counterfoil to be retained by the Issuing Officer
Permit No.

(Under rule 3(iii) of the rules under sections 35 and 36 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882)

1 Name and residence of the person to whom the permit is

granted.

2 Quantity

3 Description of the firewood, timber or bamboos

5 When obtained

6 To what place removed

7 Route

8 Time allowed

9 Vehicle Registration No.

10 Remarks

Date:

Station:

Signature of the person granting pass

Note. - The time to be entered in column 8 should not exceed the period calculated at 25 Kms per day except with the special permission of the District Forest Officer.

Form II
Counterfoil to be retained by the Issuing Officer
Permit No.

(Under rule 3(iii) of the rules under sections 35 and 36 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882)

1 Name and residence of the person to whom the permit is

granted.

2 Quantity

3 Description of the firewood, timber or bamboos

5 When obtained

6 To what place removed

7 Route

8 Time allowed

9 Vehicle Registration No.

10 Remarks

Date:

Station:

Signature of the person granting pass

Note. - The time to be entered in column 8 should not exceed the period calculated at 25 Kms per day except with the special permission of the District Forest Officer.

Form III

[See rules (v) and (6)(ii)]

(Counter-foil to be retained by the issuing Officer in duplicate diglot)

Way Permit

(Under rule 4 of the rules under sections 35 and 36 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882)

No. Permit for the transport of the timber from tanah brought on the permit No.

- 1 Quantity
- 2 Description
- 3 Marks
- 4 Time allowed
- 5 Vehicle Registration No.
- 6 Remarks

Station:

Signature of Officer

Date:

in charge of Checking Station

Way Permit

(Under rule 4 of the rules under sections 35 and 36 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882)

No. Permit for the transport of the timber from tanah brought on the permit No.

- 1 Quantity
- 2 Description
- 3 Marks
- 4 Time allowed
- 5 Vehicle Registration No.
- 6 Remarks

Station:

Signature of Officer

Date:

in charge of Checking Station

Note. -This way-permit is granted subject to the rules under sections 35 and 36 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882 and must be produced on demand by any Revenue, Forest, or Police Officer.

Form IV

(See rule 8)

(Counterfoil to be retained by the issuing Officer in duplicate diglot)

Certificate of Registration

(Under the rules under sections 35 and 36 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882)

- 1 Name of person registering
- 2 Description of person registering
- 3 Description and quantity of timber registered
- 4 Date of registration or renewal
- 5 Remarks

Certified that.....residing at..... has registered/renewed the above property mark for the official year ending 31st March 20..... up to 20....District Forest Officer.

Dated:/....../20

Signature of the District Forest Officer

Certificate of Registration

(Under the rules under sections 35 and 36 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882)

- 1 Name of person registering
- 2 Description of person registering
- 3 Description and quantity of timber registered
- 4 Date of registration or renewal
- 5 Remarks

Certified that.....residing at.....has registered/renewed the above property mark for the official year ending 31st March 20..... up to 20....District Forest Officer.

Dated:/....../20

Signature of the District Forest Officer

Form V

[See rule 8]

Register of Property Marks

Serial numb er of registr ation	Name and address of person registerin g or renewing	Whether original registrati on or renewal	For what period regist ered or renew ed	Date of original registr ation or last renew al	In what capacity registered whether as (a) owner or lessee of lands from which timber is to be felled or(b) as purchase on Kutt- ikanain from such owner or lessee or(c) as retail dealer	If registered as owner or lease particulars of lands claimed For Unsurve yed lands.na mes. boundar ies and taluk	For surveyed lands,names, survey numbers, amsam and taluk	Descripti on of property mark with translatio n of inscriptio n of copy of the mark	Remark
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Form VI

(Referred to in rule 10)

(Counter-foil to be retained by the District Forest Officer)

Permit No.

- 1 Name and residence of the person to whom the permit is granted.
- 2 Quantity
- 3 Description of timber
- 4 Fees paid, if any
- 5 Marks if any on the redsander wood, chips or powder
- 6 When obtained
- 7 To what place removed
- 8 Route
- 9 Time allowed
- 10 Vehicle Registration No.
- 11 Remarks

Signature of the issuing Officer

Description

Reverse

To be filled in by tanaders

Date and number of the way permit from III

Date

Number

Quantity

(1)

(2)

(3)

Date signature of camp.

Tanandar Date

Form VI

(Referred to in rule 10)

Permit No.

- 1 Name and residence of the person to whom the permit is granted.
- 2 Quantity
- 3 Description of redsander wood, chips or powder
- 4 Fees paid, if any
- 5 Marks if any on the redsander wood, chips or powder
- 6 When obtained
- 7 To what place removed
- 8 Route
- 9 Time allowed
- 10 Vehicle Registration No.
- 11 Remarks

Signature of the issuing Officer

Description

Form VI
(Referred to in rule 10)

Permit No.

Import permit for the export of wood transport Redsander's chips from Govt. powder private lands or foreign territory:

Depots:

- 1 Name and residence of the person to whom the permit is granted.
- 2 Quantity
- 3 Description of redsanders powder
- 4 Fees paid if any
- 5 Marks if any
- 6 From what forest or depot removed.
- 7 To what place removed Route
- 8 Time allowed
- 9 **Vehicle Registration No.**
- 10 Remarks

Signature of the issuing Officer

Designation