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| Content : | <p>Chapter 1 General Provisions</p> <p>Article 1 These Regulations are enacted pursuant to the provisions of the first paragraph of Article 45 of the Forestry Act (hereinafter "Act").</p> <p>Article 2 The term "forest products" as used in these Regulations means the main products and by-products of a state-owned or public forest or a private forest except those which do not serve the purposes for operating the forest.</p> <p>Article 3 The terms "mistaken cutting" and "unauthorized cutting" as used in these Regulations are defined as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mistaken cutting means cutting trees which are not approved for cutting due to the mistaken belief that such trees may be cut and harvested, provided that the harvester holds no intention to illegally possess such trees.2. Unauthorized cutting means knowingly cutting trees and piling the trees cut on the site without applying for an approval in advance which is legally required or with such an application pending approval, provided that the harvester holds no intention to illegally possess such trees.</p> <p>Article 4 The permit for cutting and harvesting forest products shall be approved as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In the case of a state-owned forest, in accordance with the Regulations</p> |

- Governing Disposition of Forest Products of State-Owned Forests;
2. In the case of a public forest, by the municipal, county (city) competent authority; and
 3. In the case of a private forest, by the municipal or county (city) competent authority, provided that the provision of the preceding subparagraph shall govern for the cutting and harvesting of a protection forest.

Article 5

The forest products inspections under these Regulations include

1. Forest products release inspection;
2. Forest products moving inspections; and
3. Cutover forest inspection.

Article 6

The agency to conduct the relevant forest products inspection shall be as follows:

1. The release inspection and the cutover forest inspection shall be conducted by the original competent authority issuing the cutting and harvesting permit.
2. The forest products moving inspection shall be conducted by the relevant checkpoint; the competent authority may organize inspection teams to conduct mobile inspections.

Article 7

The stamp certifying the relevant forest products inspection shall be prepared by the central or municipal competent authority and handed over to the agency conducting such inspection for custody and use. Such stamps include

1. The investigation stamp, which shall be used during the harvest volume check to certify the per-tree check of the coniferous trees, broadleaf tree, precious trees, and trees subject to selection cutting or alternate cutting.
2. The blocking wood inspection stamp, which shall be used to certify the investigation of blocking wood, subsidiary materials or trees omitted from previous inspections.
3. The demarcation stamp, which shall be used to mark the boundaries of the forest products cutting areas.
4. The release stamp, which shall be used to certify the release inspection.
5. The attachment stamp, which shall be used to certify an investigation of the harvest and the root plants thereof from pirate cutting, unauthorized

cutting or

mistaken cutting.

6. The cutover forest inspection stamp, which shall be used to certify the cutover

forest inspection following the completion of the cutting and harvesting operation.

Chapter 2 Cutting and harvesting

Article 8

The harvester of forest products of a public or private forest shall submit the following documents to apply to the competent authority for the permit for cutting, harvesting and transporting such forest products:

1. The application form;
2. The location map of the cutting area;
3. The document certifying the rights in the subject forest products;
4. The road plan and the soil and water conservation plan;
5. The reforestation plan for the cutover forest.

A good cause shall be given instead of the absence (if any) of the plan provided in subparagraphs 4 or 5 of the preceding paragraph and the relevant certifying document shall be presented where necessary.

Article 9

The competent authority shall, after receiving the application provided in the preceding article dispatch personnel to conduct an on-site inspection of the following matters and produce a written report on such inspection:

1. Compliance with the restrictions provided in Article 10 of the Act and the Regulations Governing Management of Protection Forests;
2. Conformity of such particulars as specified in the application form with the actual conditions;
3. The ground conditions, including the rock mass, the depth of the top soil, the quality of the soil, and the gradient of the mountain.
4. The status of the forest, including the area and the species, age, average height, diameter of the trees and the quantity of trees and timber volume per hectare.
5. Feasibility of the proposed cutover forest utilization plan.
6. Recommendation for approving or disapproving the application and the reasons therefore.

Article 10

Where the subject cutting area of the public or private forest as designated in the application is adjacent to a state-owned forestry business area, a protection forest, a national park or a designated scenic area, the competent authority shall, before approving such application, conduct a second on-site inspection in conjunction with the local regulatory agency of the state-own forest, protection forest, the national

park or the designated scenic area concerned and the applicant, and set up boundary markers or demarcation trees around the cutting area and note the same in the relevant location map.

Article 11

The competent authority shall, when issuing the permit for cutting and harvesting forest products of a public or private forest, distribute a copy of such permit and the cutting area location map to the local forestry managing administration, police agency and administration office of the hsiang (township) concerned respectively. The county (city) government concerned shall, on a monthly basis, prepare the statistics of the cutting/harvesting permits issued and submit the same to the National Principal Authority ("NPA") for reference purposes.

Article 12

No harvester shall engage in any of the following activities in the course of cutting and harvesting forest products of a public or private forest:

1. Destroying the soil and water conservation;
2. Damaging bamboos, trees or work products of another person;
3. Destroying or removing the demarcation trees or other signs set up within the cutting area;
4. Cutting bamboos or trees to be reserved which are designated or marked so by the government.
5. Pirate cutting, unauthorized cutting or mistaken cutting.

Article 13

The competent authority may dispatch personnel to conduct guidance and supervision from time to time during the validity term of the cutting and harvesting permit and the harvester shall not refuse such guidance and supervision.

Article 14

The harvester of forest products of a public or private forest shall, at any time after discovering an absence of the relevant stamp mark on the relevant demarcation trees, natural forest, conifer forest, selection cutting forest or precious trees, apply to the original agency issuing the cutting and harvesting permit for investigation and branding the relevant stamp mark subject to no breach of laws and regulations or contract.

Chapter 3 Inspection

Article 15

The harvester shall apply to the competent authority for the competent authority to conduct the release inspection of the forest products trimmed and gathered up in the cutting area or at the relevant plain ground. Such forest products may not be moved and transported until after being branded with the release stamp.

Article 16

The forest products release inspection shall be in accordance with the following:

1. In case of a state-owned forest:

(1) The inspection shall be conducted in the cutting area or at the designated plain

ground where cutting and harvesting is permitted. The harvester may apply for

the inspection on a batch-by-batch basis.

(2) Where the end of the main product has a diameter of 20cm or more or the

precious broadleaf tree or coniferous tree cut has a diameter of 12cm or more,

the harvester shall number each of such timbers and brand the same with its

stamp registered for such purposes. Such timbers shall be inspected and branded

with the release stamp before being released for moving and transportation.

(3) The competent authority shall make out a detailed list of the inspected and

released forest products and issue a copy thereof to the relevant forest product

checkpoint and the harvester respectively.

2. In case of a public or private forest:

(1) The harvester shall fill out an application for moving the forest products and

file the same to the relevant inspection agency to conduct the release inspection in the cutting area or at the designated plain ground.

(2) The inspecting personnel shall stamp the release stamp onto the timber and fill

in the amount released on the reverse side of the cutting/harvest permit and

impress his/her seal thereon and returned the same to the harvester for holding

as the evidence of approval for moving.

3. By-products, bamboos, branches, tips of twigs, waste materials, raw materials

for industrial purposes and products not suitable for numbering or branding

stamps may be categorized for purposes of the release inspection, provided that

the result of the weight measurement conducted at the relevant checkpoint shall

prevail with respect to the amount released.

4. The by-products shall be measured according to the applicable unit and specification.

The release inspection of the forest products of a reforestation concession shall be in accordance with the provision of subparagraph 2 of the preceding paragraph.

Article 17

The standards for the timber types and specification of forest products with respect to forest products release inspection shall be prescribed by the NPA or the municipal competent authority.

Article 18

The forest products moving inspection shall be in accordance with the following:

1. In case of a state-own forest, the harvester shall make out a list of the forest products to be moved, stop at and produce the same list to the relevant checkpoint for inspection. The personnel at such checkpoint shall check to confirm such forest products being moved conform to those described in the list before stamping the list for release. The list as stamped shall be made in three counterparts with the checkpoint, the competent authority and the harvester each holding one copy thereof.
2. In case of a public or private forest, the evidence issued by the relevant inspection agency approving the moving and transportation of the forest products shall be presented to the checkpoint. The personnel at such checkpoint will stamp such evidence to release the products after confirming that such products conform to those described in the evidence.
3. Where the forest products being moved and transported need to pass more than one checkpoints, the procedure provided in the preceding subparagraph shall be conducted by the first checkpoint. The other checkpoints will stamp the moving list to release the forest products after confirming that such forest products conform to those described in the moving list.
4. Forest products or timber articles sold in the market shall be inspected based on the relevant government uniform invoice issued.
5. Forest products subject to direct management by the relevant forestry managing administration shall bear the moving stamp and a moving list thereof shall be made out for ready inspection. Such forest products shall be branded the release stamp upon sale.

Article 19

The harvester of forest products of a state-owned or public forest shall,

within ten days after completing the transportation of the forest products, apply to the competent authority for cutover forest inspection. The cutover forest inspection shall be conducted to confirm

1. In cases of clear cutting, whether the demarcation trees are intact and whether

cutting and harvesting has been conducted outside the designated boundaries.

2. In cases of selection cutting, whether there are trees which are not approved for

cutting and harvested have been cut.

3. Whether the harvester has acted in breach of the contract.

The inspection group conducting the inspection provided in the preceding paragraph shall be headed by a technical personnel who did not participate in the original on-site inspection.

Where the cutover forest inspection results show that no cutting outside the boundaries, pirate cutting or any other activity was conducted in breach of the laws and regulations or contract, the competent authority shall issue the certificate of completion of operation.

Article 20

Any activity in violation of these Regulations as is discovered as a result of supervision or inspection shall be promptly reported to the competent authorities. Where such violation involves criminal liability, the local police agency shall be engaged to duly conduct the relevant investigation. In such case, the relevant tangible evidences shall be properly kept.

Chapter 4 Supplemental Provisions

Article 21

The forms of the documents and lists designated in these Regulations shall be prescribed by the NPA.

Article 22

These Regulations shall come into force on the day of promulgation