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Guidelines, 2016- regarding.

I am directed to say that the Wood Based Industries (Establishment and ulation) Guidelines, 2016 have been published in the Gazette of India. A copy of the fication has also been uploaded on www.egazette.nic.in. A copy of the gazette fication has also been uploaded on www.ifs.nic.in.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

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RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 11th November, 2016

S.O. 3456(E), -- In compliance of directions contained in the Order dated October 5th, 2015 of the Hon'ble Surfame Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202 of 1995 in the matter of T.N. Godavarman Thaumulpad versus Valon of India and others, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India is pleased to 1. Short Title and commencement.

- (i) These guidelines shall be called the Wood-Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Guidelines, 2016
- ., These shall come into force from the date of their publication in the official gazette. States/UTs shall conform their rules according to these guidelines. 2. Definition.
- (i) In these guidelines, unless the context otherwise requires -
- 'Furniture unit' mean plants and machinery and the premises including the precincts thereof in which or in any n :: thereof word based finished products are manufactured using sawn timber, cane, bamboo, reed, plywood or any ction wood based product, except a round log, outsourced from licensed wood based industrial units or other legitimate sources and operating without a band saw or re-saw or circular saw of more than thirty centimeter diameter.
- (b) "Industrial Estate" means areas notified by the State Government or Union territory Administration for
- (c) : 'License' means a license granted under these guidelines.
- (d) 'Principal Chief Conservator of Forests' means the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Perce) in the State and it will also include an officer designated as Head of Department in State/UT where no post in the
- 'Round log' means a piece of wood in its natural form, having mid girth of thirty centimeter or more under bark and it and will include such round log even after its bark has been removed or its surface has been dressed, manually or by using a band saw or any other machine or equipment to make its cross section square or near to square for the surpose
- 'Saw Mill', means plants and machinery in a fixed structure or enclosure, for conversion of round logs into sawn 11205 (8)
- 'Save Timber' means beams, scantlings, planks, battens and such other product obtained from sawing of a round .cu. (11)
- 'State Level Committee' means a Committee Constituted by the State Government under para 3 (2) of these guidelines. (i)
- Net Inter-State Import of a timber for Wood Based Industries' means three years moving average of the net quantity of such timber actually imported in the State during the latest three calendar years.
- Veneer Mill or Plywood Mill' means plants and machinery and the promises in which or in any part thereof, asonversion into required size, slicing, peeling, fashioning or sensoning of timber/ wood, including preservation and reatment thereof either by mechanical or chemical process with the aid of electrical or mechanical power or manually is
- 'Wood Based Industry' means any industry which processes wood as its raw material (Saw milis/vencer/plywood/pulp or any other form such as sandal, katha wood etc.). It includes a mill but does not include a
- 'Year' means a financial year from 1st day of April to 31st day of March of the following year.
- (ii) Words and expressions used but not defined under these guidelines and defined in the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the relevant local Forest Act as applicable in a State, and the rules framed thereunder shall have the meaning assigned to

case of any dispute regarding interpretation of any word or expression, the decision of the Ministry of mment, Forest and Climate Change shall be final.

oustimion of the State Level Committee:

Each State shall constitute a Security of Committee to perform the functions stipulated in these guidelines.

The State Level Committee shall consist of the following:

	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Head of Forest Department A representative of the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Chairperson
	Climate Change	Member
_	A representative of the State Forest Department not below the rank of a Conservator of Forests dealing with preparation of Working Plans/Working Schemes	Member
_	Director Additional Director of Department of Indiana	167 (1987 F.
	Representative of the each Autonomous Disk	Momber
	the State the State	Member
	Representative of the Forest Development Corporation, in case any such Corporation	
	exists in the State. Corporation	Member
	An officer not below the rank of Conservator of Forests working in the Forest Head	
	Quarters Working in the Forest Head	Member
	he State Level Committee may nominate any other officer working in the	Secretary

b) The State Level Committee may nominate any other officer working in territorial wing of the Forest Department not

(a.) Such State where the composition of State Level Committee already constituted is different from as stipulated in hese guideline, shall, within one year from the date of publication of these guidelines, re-constitute the State Level Committee. The reconstitution of the State Level Committee will be without any prejudice to the recommendations made or the decisions taken by the existing State Level Committee till its re-constitution.

(1) The State Level Committee shall meet at least once in three months.

(v) The quorum of the State Level Committee meeting shall be at least fifty percent of permanent members.

(vi) SLC will invite one representative of the industry nominated by the saw-mill association as a special invitee to each

4. Powers and functions of the State Level Committee.

The State Level Committee shall:-

Assess the availability of timber for wood based industrial units in the State/UT every five years.

Assess quantity of different raw material requirement for wood based industrial units which may be sustainably ranvested from trees outside forest areas in the State/UT.

Assess annual requirement of timber and other forest produce in the domestic markets in the State.

(a) Maintain a database of timber and other raw materials utilized by each wood based industrial unit permitted to establish and operate in the State/UT during each financial year.

Approve appropriate locations for setting up of wood based industrial units.

Approve the name of wood based industrial units which may be considered for grant of fresh license or enhancement of the existing linensed capacity in case the committee is satisfied that timber is available legally for the said new Wood Based Industries (such as Trees outside forest, Forests etc.).

The Same Level Committee will ensure that the amount lying with the respective State Forest Departments recovered from Wood Based Industries) will be utilized for the purpose of afforestation only.

(916) Examine and make appropriate recommendations on any other matter referred by the State Government or the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

S. Assessment of the availability of timber for Wood Based Industrial Units:

at The quantity of timber lately to be available for utilization of Wood Based Industries of different types in a State/UT that he assessed as by commissioning study, preferably in collaboration with institutes/ universities of repute, once in five years. The study will take into account the following: :-

fine quantity of such raw material that may be sustainably harvested from the forest areas as per the working Jans/working schemes/ management plans duly approved by the competent authorities.

- (b) The quantity of such raw material that is available from the trees outside forest areas, including the private plantations, agro-forestry plantations and plantations raised on non-forest government lands etc.
- (d) Net international import of such timber.
- 6. Estimated annual consumption of timber by wood based industries. (i) For the purpose of assessing the timber requirement of the Saw mills, they may be divided into (a) Saw mills upto 10 HP (b) Saw mills between 10 and 20 HP (c) Saw mills between 20 HP to 40 HP (d) Saw mills between 40 to 60 HP and (e) Saw mills above 60 HP.

The annual requirement of round log for Saw mills of different capacities may be fixed by the committee based on the technical data or as per the formula given below Saw mills of 10 HP and below: 540 ou.mt. (base value)

- Saw mills between 10 to 20 HP: 810 cu.mt. (1.5 time the base value) (3) (0)
- Saw mills herween 20 to 40 HP 1080 cu.mt. (2 times of the base value)
- Saw mills between 40 to 60 HP 1620 ch.mt. (3 times of the base value) (4) (c)
- Saw mills above 60 HP 2160 cu.mt. (4 times the base value)
- (ii) Fig. 7. aber requirement for various units as assessed by Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Justitute (IPIRTI), Dangalore is given in Annexure I. 7. Restriction on location of wood based industries.
- Up to the North Eastern States of Arinnechal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sixkim the wood based industries shall be permitted to be established within the industrial estates,
- (4) in the States other than the afore-mentioned North Bastern States, wood based industries shall ordinarily be not a lowed to be established within ten kilometers aerial distance from the boundary of nearest notified forests and protected a cover to be established within the Anotheres against distance from the boundary of hearest nothing forces and protected areas. The State Level Committee for the reasons to be recorded in writing and after obtaining prior approval of the Control Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may permit to establish operate a wood respectively at an aerial distance less than 10 kilometers from the boundary of a notified forest or a protected area. Grant, renewal and revocation of a liceuse to a wood based industry:
- No license to a wood based industrial unit shall be granted or renewed without obtaining prior approval of the State Level Compilice.
- the Novegod based industrial unit shall be established/operate in a State except under and in accordance with the license granted by an officer authorized by the State Government in this regard (Preferably DCF/DFO or equivalent).
- The State Level Committee may maintain a separate list of wood based industries working solely on the timber imported from international market. The license to such industries shall specifically contain a condition to the effect that such units shall not be allowed to use timber produced in country. If in future, the said units want to use timber freeduced in the country on account of abundant availability they will seek specific permission from SLC to do so.
- The SCC will ensure that the interests of the units using domestic produce are protected. Fresh licenses can be gented by the SCC will ensure marine interests of the units using domestic produce are projected, riesh necesses can be guined by the Committee for units which operate solely on imported raw material irrespective of the result of wood availability
- (by) The Heonse granted to a wood based industry shall remain valid for five years, from the date of such issue or renewal of License, However, notwinstanding anything contained in these guidelines, the Licensing Authority may, where there the leasens to necessarily the Leasens as operating the wood based industry in contravention of the provisions of these go delines of conditions of License or any Rules framed by the State Government or is in activities prejudicial to the guideness of containing of License of any routes framed by the State Government of is in activities prejudicity to the profess of fixest contains after giving one month notice, revoke the license granted to
- (2) Application for renewal of license granted to a wood based industrial unit shall be made atleast three (3) months hefore the expiry of validity period. 4) Transfer of license on sale/succession etc shall be done only with the approval of State Level Committee.

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- 3. Appeal against the decision of the State Level Committee.
- (i) Any person aggrieved by any decision taken by the State Level Committee may file an appeal before the concerned Regional Office of the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change seeking
- (ii) Head of Regional Office st. 1 within 60 days of filing the appeal pass the appropriate Order.
- (iii) If, for any reason, any person is aggrieved by the orders so passed in the appeal, he may prefer an appropriate 10. Conditions governing operation of furniture units.
- (i) The Establishment and operation of a furniture unit shall not require a Licence.
- (a) shall not use any band saw, or rip saw or a circular saw having more than thirty centimeter diameter
- shall use only sawn timber sourced from licensed sawn mills or any other legitimate source.
- (d) in case the fumiture unit is located within the premises of any wood based industry, approval of the Committee and (e) may use bamboos, reeds and canes.
- (f) shall a aintain such records as may be stipulated by the State Forest Department.
- 11. Records to be maintained by wood based industries.
- (i) Each wood based industry shall maintain and regularly update records as given in schedule to these guidelines.

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Assessment of Timber Requirement The Indian Plywood Industry Research and Tryining Institute (IRIRTI), Bangalore an autonomous body under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has assessed the timber requirement per unit for peeling length of 4 feet and 8 fect size in of Silvironmont, rorest and Chinate Change has assessed the timoet requirement per unit for peopling length of 4 feet and 6 feet size in the plywood/voncer units as 3 cu.mt. and 11 cu.mt. resp ectively per day on an average of 3 working hours per day. By assuming their the pecling units work for 8 hours per day on an average for 300 days in a year the normal timber requirement of the pecling length of the pecling units work for 8 hours per day on an average for 300 days in a year the normal uniter requirement of the pecling length of 4 feet size in vencer units is 1500 ment. The total timber requirement for the stand alone vencer units may be assessed by calculating 4 feet size to veneer one is 1500 and the total times requirement for me admit arone veneer ones may be assessed the equivalent number of 4 feet length machines and by taking its normal installed capacity as 1500 culing per annum.

The timber requirement of a plywood unit may be taken as 'nil' on the ground that the round limber is used as finber in the The timber requirement of a physical unit may be taken as any of this ground that the found influence as influence in the vencer as the raw material produced by the vencer as the raw material produ vencer units only and that the physician that are the secondary users which use the vencer as the raw innertial produced by the vencer units. The physician depends are presses of various sizes such as dx4x6, 8x4x12, 8x4x15, 4x4x7, 4x4x10. A 8x4x10 capacity press can be also be also because of 8x4x10 press can be also because and a secondary press can be also because a secondary press can be also because and a secondary press can be a secondary press can be also because and a secondary press can be a secondary pressure and a se units. The plywood units use presses of various sizes such as ontay, oxyate, oxyate, various dealers, oxyate capacity press can produce upto 10 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can produce upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas a 8x4x15 capacity press can pressed upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hour whereas can pressed upto 15 plywood pieces of 8'x4' size per hou produce upto 10 psywood pieces of 8x9 size per nour whereas a 8x9x10 capacity press can produce upto 10 psywood pieces of 8x9 size per hour and so on. The normative installed capacity of the plywood units will accordingly depend upon the number and the type size per hour and so on, the normative installed in each of the plywood unit with accordingly depend upon the number and the type of presses installed in each of the plywood unit may be assessed and thereafter equivalent number of presses. This number and type of presses installed the purpositive annual timber continuous for a interested abspect only beginning as \$5.50 cm. of presses, this number and type of presses assumed in once of the prywood min may be assessed and integrated plywood unit having a 8 \(\frac{3}{2} \) 4. The normalized annual timber requirement for a integrated plywood unit having a 8 \(\frac{3}{2} \) 4. The normalized annual timber requirement for a integrated plywood unit having a 8 \(\frac{3}{2} \) 4. it capacity press may be taken as 2000 cu.mt. per annum, and accordingly the total requirement of timber for the plantage as 2.2.4.

SCHEDULE

PROFORMIA -I (RECEIPT RECUSTER)

Prescribed under guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment & Forests in compliance of Supreme Court order dated 05.10.2015 in None of the Wood -Based Unit I(a)- RECEIPT REGISTER- TIMBER LOUS Porest Division

Register Opened on

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