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dated 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2023 as required under clause (3) of article 348 of the constitution of  
India.

**Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Department of Forest**

No. FFE-B-A(3)-5/2020-

Dated Shimla, the

21<sup>st</sup> October, 2023

**NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of powers conferred by section 41 and 42 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (XVI of 1927), the Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Himachal Pradesh Forest Produce Transit (Land Routes) Rules, 2013 notified vide this Department Notification No. FFE-B-A(3)-2/2013 dated 26.11.2013 and published in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013, namely:-

- Short title, extent and commencement: 1. (1) These rules may be called the Himachal Pradesh Forest Produce Transit (Land Routes) Amendment Rules, 2023.  
(2) These rules shall extend to the whole of Himachal Pradesh.  
(3) These rules shall come into force from the date of publication in the Rajpatra (e-gazette) Himachal Pradesh.
- Amendment of rule 2. 2. In rule 2 of the Himachal Pradesh Forest Produce Transit (Land Routes) Rules, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as the "said rules"), after clause (f) of sub rule (1), the following shall be inserted namely:-  
“(g) “Pass” means any transit permit/pass issued under these rules and shall also include transit pass generated through National Transit Pass System (NTPS).”
- Amendment of rule 6. 3. In rule 6 of the said rules, for the words, figures and signs “Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000”; the words, figures and signs “Rs. 1000/- and Rs. 2000/-” respectively, shall be substituted.
- Amendment of rule 7. 4. For rule 7 of the said rules, the following shall be substituted, namely:-  
“7. Issue of pass for export or transport of forest Produce.- (1) No pass shall be issued for any unmarked forest produce other than fuelwood, khairwood, bamboos, charcoal, medicinal plants, grass, other plant parts including bark, leaves, stem, roots, flowers, fruits, cones and seeds as bears the marks not registered as herein after provided:-



- (i) the Divisional Forest Officer may refuse to issue a pass for export or transport if he has reasons to believe or for any other valid reasons that the forest produce has not been legally obtained by the applicant. However, the refusal to issue a pass shall be made in the shape of self-speaking written order; and
- (ii) the person who has been refused the issue of pass may within fifteen days of the date of refusal prefer an appeal to the Chief Conservator/Conservator of Forests incharge of the area concerned and his orders on appeal shall be final.

(2) The Electronic Transit Pass/No Objection Certificate issued through online National Transit Pass System shall also be acceptable/valid in the whole of the state of Himachal Pradesh and no fresh pass shall be required to be issued for forest produce being transported under National Transit Pass System.

Amendment of  
rule 8.

5. In rule 8 of the said rules, -

(i) for sub-rule (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"No person shall transport or cause to be transported any forest produce except that obtained from plant species specified in and obtained in accordance with provisions contained in Schedule-'I' of Annexure-D by land routes, without obtaining pass as per Annexure 'A' from the concerned Divisional Forest Officer or any officer or person so authorized;

(ii) for sub-rule(4), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"No person shall transport or cause to be transported any timber except forest produce obtained from plant species specified in and obtained in accordance with provisions contained in Schedule - 'I' of Annexure-D by land routes, unless the timber is properly affixed with an export hammer mark by the forest officer authorized by the Conservator of Forests concerned";

Insertion of rules  
8-A and 8-B.

6. After rule 8 of the said rules, the following rules shall be inserted namely:-

"8-A. Compliance of provision of Biological Diversity Act.- Any person or entity as specified in Section 7 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (Act No. 18 of 2003), intending to obtain pass shall ensure compliance of the provisions of the Act *ibid* and rules and regulations etc. framed thereunder"; and



"8-B. Revision of pass fee.- The State Government may by order notify the rates of pass fees for the species listed in Schedule-II of Annexure D, from time to time."

Amendment of  
rule 9.

7. In rule 9 of the said rules,-

(i) for sub-rule (1), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"The authority issuing pass shall specify a route by which alone forest produce may be transported within the State of Himachal Pradesh or outside the state for the forest produce obtained from plant species specified in and obtained in accordance with provisions contained in Schedule 'II' of Annexure-D", in such a manner that the forest produce crosses through one of the barriers established by the Forest Department or State Taxes and Excise:

Provided that such authority shall also specify the check post(s) where the forest produce shall be compulsorily checked en-route:

Provided further that no timber or other forest produce from any forest depot or intermediate depot or first section/depot of dispatch shall be loaded in vehicles, trollies, bullock carts etc. after sun-set and before sun rise. The Divisional Forest Officer concerned may further impose any restriction(s) if so warranted for controlling the movement of forest produce after sun-set and before sun-rise:

Provided further that the State Government may by order notify or amend the list of check posts of Himachal Pradesh Forest Department or barriers of State Taxes and Excise through which the forest produce shall compulsorily be transit from time to time";

(ii) for sub-rule (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:

"In case the produce is not to be exported outside the territory of Himachal Pradesh, the authority issuing the pass shall specify the route by which alone the forest produce may be transported and shall also determine the check post(s) where it shall be compulsorily checked."; and

(iii) for sub-rule (3), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"The issuing authority shall also determine the other conditions subject to which the pass shall be issued and shall also determine the period for which the pass shall remain valid. However, the validity of any pass shall under no circumstances be exceeded beyond a period of three months including any extension (s), if any granted. A pass processing fee of Rs. 500/- shall be leviable for the issue of such pass:



Provided that the pass fee of Rs. 400/- per qtl. shall be levied in case of resin to be exported outside the State of Himachal Pradesh;

Provided further that pass processing fee in respect of forest produce obtained from species, including that listed in Schedule-II of Annexure-'D', cultivated on private land in accordance with provisions contained in Schedule-III of Annexure-'D' shall be levied Rs. 200/-

Provided further that in respect of medicinal plants as included in Schedule-II of Annexure-'D' purported to be transported to the notified Herbal/Agriculture Mandis, permit fee shall be levied in accordance with procedure detailed in Annexure-'E'.

Amendment  
of Annexure-B

8. for Annexure-B appended to the said rules, the following shall be substituted namely:-

ANNEXURE 'B'

(Pass Form)  
(See Rule 10)  
Pass No.

Sr. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ issued by DFO Forest Division \_\_\_\_\_ IN FAVOUR  
OF \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time of Issue \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time of Expiry \_\_\_\_\_

Spp.	Details of Timber	Vol in Cum	Fuel Wood /Charcoal in Qts	Other Forest Produce
	Description No.			
1	2	3	4	5

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Property marks

Export Hammer Marks

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person Incharge Produce \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Designation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Check Post (s) (Vial) \_\_\_\_\_

(one copy of pass to sent to each check post)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vehicle (Kind and NO. etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of grantee  
or  
Authorized Agent



Amendment  
of Annexure-D

9. In Annexure-D, appended to the said rules, the following Schedule-I shall be inserted, namely:-

"Annexure D"

Schedule - I

(Sec rule 8 (1))

Forest Produce obtained from the following Plant Species Growing on Private Land Exempt from the requirements of Pass.

Sr. No.	Local Name of Species	Botanical Name of Species
1.	Safeda	Eucalyptus spp.
2.	Poplar	Populus spp.
3.	Bambooculms, Lathi Bans, Maggar, Dharainch, Bans	Dendrocalamus strictus/Dendrocalamus hamiltonii/Bambusa nutans/ Bambusa bambos
4	Kuth*	Saussurea costus/lappa

\*Export of KUTH (*Saussurea costus/lappa*) will however be subject to fulfillment of requirement under Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.

The removal and transportation of the forest produce obtained from plant species listed in this schedule and growing on private lands shall be in accordance with the following provision.

- The landowner shall intimate in writing to the concerned Range Forest Officer through the local Forest Guard of his intent to harvest the forest produce from plant species listed in this schedule along with estimate of yield before starting the harvest.
- The Range Forest Officer may himself or through his representative inspect the land from which such harvest is proposed and verify the yield.
- Range Officer shall issue NOC giving details of forest produce obtained from private lands using NTPS portal or provide a letter to landowner with details of the forest produce.

Landowner shall carry NOC obtained from NTPS portal or letter issued by Range Officer while transporting verified produce provided such NOC or letter pertains to one load whether such load be carried by a person, an animal or a vehicle.

By Order,

Dr. Amandeep Garg, IAS  
Secretary (Forests) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh

21<sup>st</sup> October, 2023

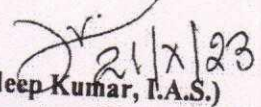
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- All the Heads of Departments in Himachal Pradesh.



3. All the Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (HoFF) HP Shimla-1.
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Wildlife) HP Shimla-1.
6. The JLR-cum-Joint Secretary (Law) to the Government of HP, Shimla-02.
7. The Joint Secretary (GAD) to the Government of HP, Shimla-02 w.r.t. his letter No. GAD-C(A)9-4/2013 dated 21.10.2023.
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