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Government of Manipur
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force
Forest Department: Manipur

Forest Headquarters,
Sanjenthong, Imphal-795001

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Imphal, the 3rd February, 2025

**Sub: Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and Provisions under Forest Laws -
Procedure for movement of forest produce reg.**

In order to ensure compliance of various forest laws in force and orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard, following procedure for transportation of forest produce from across border is hereby reiterated for strict compliance by all agencies including Security agencies:

a) Forest Produce with Custom Clearance:

- 1) The Forest Produce permitted for shall be imported by valid license holders issued by the Competent Authority. All such licensed importers dealing with Forest Produce shall mandatorily register themselves on the Online Portal of the Forest Department.
- 2) All Forest Produce imported into the territory of Manipur from other countries shall possess Custom Clearance Certificate.
- 3) Importer or Consignee importing the custom cleared forest produce shall mandatorily report to the nearest Forest Revenue Station and apply for TP/e-TP and pay an amount equivalent to 7% of Custom Assessed Value.
- 4) TP approval process follows after due verification.

b) Forest Produce Without Custom Clearance:

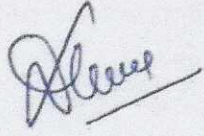
- 1) The illegal forest produce found in the territory of Manipur without custom clearance shall be seized at the border by the Border Guarding agencies/Security Agency/Customs.
- 2) The seized forest produce shall be mandatorily handed over to the nearest Forest Beat Office/ Forest Range Office within 24 hrs as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 15.01.1998 in WP(C) No 171/96 (IA 13). At the time of handing over, quantity needs to be ascertained in writing by both the parties.

- 3) The seized Forest Produce shall be taken by the Forest Staff to the nearest Permanent/Temporary Forest Depots and confiscate the same and further auction as per laid down procedure.
 - 4) Auction of the confiscated forest produce shall be completed within 1 (one) month. If the confiscated Forest Produce cannot be auctioned within the stipulated time, the concerned DFO shall submit a report to the concerned CF with valid justification.
 - 5) No compounding in any case shall be done by a Forest Officer for illegally brought forest produce from other countries into the territory of Manipur.
- c) The Competent Authority issues approval orders of the auctioned value as per powers conferred under Schedule III (Special powers to Forest Department) item no. 3 of delegation of financial rules, 1999 and there directing the authorized officer to issue transit pass as per procedures laid down, Acts and Rules and detailed measurement of logs.
- d) TP approval process follows after due verification.

Sd/-
(Anurag Bajpai)
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Copy to:

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister (Forests, Environment & CC), Manipur.
2. Director General of Police, Govt of Manipur.
3. Principal Secretary, (Forests, Environment & CC), Govt of Manipur.
4. GoC, 57 Mountain Division, Leimakhong, Manipur.
5. IGAR (South), Mantripukhri, Imphal.
6. Chief Conservator of Forests/Territorial-I & II, Govt of Manipur.
7. IG (CRPF), Langjing, Imphal.
8. All Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Manipur.
9. DIG, BSF HQ, Mantripukhri, Imphal
10. All Territorial Divisional Forest Officers, Manipur.
11. Asstt. Commandant, CISF, Imphal Airport.
12. Commissioner (Customs), Manipur.
13. Director, Airport Authority of India, Imphal.
14. President, All Manipur Veneer and Plywood Manufacturers' Association
15. President, All Manipur Saw Mill Owner's Welfare Association
16. Guard File.


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