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Whereas, The West Bengal Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1959 and Forest Produce Transit Rules for the 24-Parganas Division, 1906 has been repealed and The West Bengal Forest Produce Transit Rules, 2019 came into force on 31.05.2019;

And whereas, there is a need to adopt an uniform procedure for issuance of Transit Pass for the movement and/or transportation of the converted timber (sawn timber/veneer/ply);

Now, therefore, the appropriate authority as under Rule 3(1) of the West Bengal Forest Produce Transit Rules, 2019 may issue a Transit Passes against a mother Transit Pass in accordance with the procedures as mentioned in the GUIDELINES.

GUIDELINES

FOR CONVERTED TIMBER (SAWN TIMBER/VENEER/PLY)

- 1) A Transit Pass shall be issued in accordance with the West Bengal Forest Produce Transit Rules, 2019 for movement and/or transport of converted timber (sawn timber/veneer/ply) and payment of fees as prescribed.
- 2) The conversion percentage of a round log into Veneer, Fali and Rolla shall be 60%, 10% and 20% respectively.
- 3) The average outturn of sawn timber shall be fixed as follows:

Mid- Grith	Species	Average Out-turn
Above 60 cms	Sal	85% of round volume
	Other Species	80% of round volume
Below 60 cms	All Species	75% of round volume

- 4) No Transit Pass for transportation of firewood of Jote Land produce will be issued to insider to facilitate availability to meet with the local demand of firewood/fuelwood.
- 5) No Transit Pass for Jote Land/private lands will be issued during the rainy season (i.e. from 16th June to 15th September). However, transit of produce felled upto 15th June may be allowed with certificate that felling was done before 15th June. In case of any special circumstances such as financial hardship of owner of tree or in case of exigency of any government sponsored project, exception shall be made by the CF/CCF/FD on recommendation of the DFO/DCF.
- 6) The period of validity of a Transit Pass of round/raw timber shall be:

Special & 'A' class category Two years
Others One year

7) The period of validity of a fresh transit pass issued against that under para 6 shall not exceed the validity period of the original transit pass.

This order will be implemented with immediate effect in the state of West Bengal.

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