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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Forest and Wildlife (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No.16/2024/F&WLD

Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024  
14<sup>th</sup> Kanni, 1200  
8<sup>th</sup> Aswina, 1946

S. R. O. No. 877/2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 39, 40 and 76 of the Kerala Forest Act, 1961 (4 of 1962), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Kerala Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1975 issued under G.O.(P) No.349/75/AD dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 1975 and published as S.R.O.No.76/76 in the Kerala Gazette No.3 dated 20<sup>th</sup> January, 1976, namely:-



## Rules

1. *Short title and commencement.*- (1) These rules may be called the Kerala Forest Produce Transit (Amendment) Rules, 2024.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the Rules.*- In the Kerala Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1975,-

(1) in rule 2, in clause (b), after the words “these rules” the words “or a Form as per National Transit Pass System” shall be inserted.

(2) in rule 3, in clause (iii) of sub-rule (1), the following words shall be added at the end, namely:-

“or Transit Pass or No Objection Certificate issued through online National Transit Pass System. The Transit Pass or No Objection Certificate shall be issued by a person duly authorized under these rules or as per the online National Transit Pass System. The Transit Pass or No Objection Certificate issued as per the National Transit Pass System shall also be valid within the State of Kerala.”.

(3) in rule 5, in sub-rule (1),-

(i) after the words “printed on red paper” the words “or as per National Transit Pass System” shall be inserted;

(ii) after the words “merchants of other states” the words and symbols “or as per National Transit Pass System, as the case may be,” shall be inserted.

(4) in rule 11, in sub-rule (2), after the words “All passes shall be” the words “as per National Transit Pass System or” shall be inserted.

(5) in rule 12, in sub- rule (1A), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

“Provided that in the case of timber traders of Kallai region in Kozhikode district, the application for registration of property mark submitted to the competent officer shall contain the information relating



to the depot or the land obtained from private party or Government by paying user fee.”.

By order of the Governor,

K R JYOTHILAL  
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

### **Explanatory Note**

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has developed National Transit Pass System which provides seamless issuance of transit pass and helps in monitoring and keeping records of transit permits for inter- state and intra-state transportation of timber, bamboo and other forest produce. The online National Transit Pass System envisages a hassle free movement, especially inter-state movement, of timber, bamboo and other forest produce. The National Transit Pass System which adheres to “One Nation One Pass” principle, put an end to the requirement of ‘in lieu passes’ at intermediate State borders. The Kerala Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1975 mandates the issuance of passes under the said rules for import, export and transport of timber and other forest produce. For effective functioning of the National Transit Pass System, it is necessary to amend the said rules by incorporating provisions for validating the transit pass or No Objection Certificate generated through the National Transit Pass System within the State of Kerala.

As per G.O.(Ms) No.2762/Agri. dated 26.11.1955 which was followed in Malabar region, 'information relating to the locality' alone was required to be mentioned while applying for property mark. Sub-rule (1A) of rule 12 of the Kerala Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1975 makes it mandatory that application for registration of property mark shall contain the name of the depot also.

As per G.O.(Ms) No.47/2014/F&WLD. dated 28.05.2014, Government have accorded sanction to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Protection) for granting/renewing the property mark registration to the timber traders of Kallai in Kozhikode subject to the conditions that a maximum of two applications for Property Mark Registration (renewing/fresh) shall be entertained in one sawmill compound and that the registration shall be liable to be cancelled as and when the consent given by the sawmill owner is revoked. Permissions were granted as per this order, to those timber traders who have no depot of their own to stock timber. However timber merchants in Kallai still face difficulty to get property mark since village certificate cannot be obtained for more than two traders for sawmill compound.

The timber traders of Kallai traditionally keep timber logs in the river banks. They keep their logs near to the river banks without obstructing the water course by giving code and serial number under the



guidance of Moopans (timber supervisors). Hence they remained ineligible for property mark in spite of the above Government Order, because of the limited number of sawmills in the vicinity.

The representations from the timber traders of Kallai were considered by Government and to resolve the issues faced by them, Government have decided to bring the required amendment to protect this traditional industry.

The Government have decided to amend the Kerala Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1975 for the above said purposes.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

