



# DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS & WILDLIFE

## CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION

### NOTIFICATION

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No. 114 - In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 41, 42, 51 and 76 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (Central Act No.16 of 1927) and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Administrator of UT Chandigarh is pleased to make the following rules for regulating the operation of Saw Mills, Veneer and Plywood Industries in the Union Territory of Chandigarh, namely:-

### RULES

#### 1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) These rules may be called the "Chandigarh Regulation of Saw Mills, Veneer and Plywood Industries Rules, 2017".
- (2) They shall come into force on and with effect from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

#### 2. Definitions

- (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires –
  - (a) "Act" means the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (Central Act No.16 of 1927);
  - (b) "Deputy Conservator of Forests" means Deputy Conservator of Forests in the Union Territory of Chandigarh;
  - (c) "Form" means the Form appended to these rules;
  - (d) "Licence" means the licence issued under these rules;
  - (e) "Chief Conservator of Forests" means Chief Conservator of Forests, UT Chandigarh;
  - (f) "Saw Mills, Veneer and Plywood Industries" shall include timber depots, saw mills, veneer, plywood including units without any facility for veneer production, particle board, MDF, block board, paper pulp, rayon and any other unit of cutting or converting timber for manufacturing wood based products;
  - (g) "Section" means section of the Act;
  - (h) "State Government" means the Government of the UT Chandigarh; and
- (2) The words and expressions used in these rules, but not defined, shall have the same meanings as assigned to them in the Act.



3. **Restriction on establishment of Saw Mills, Veneer and Plywood Industries**

No person shall establish, expand installed capacity or operate any Saw Mills, Veneer, Plywood Industries including the existing unit, unless a licence is obtained by him in accordance with these rules.

4. **Application for grant of licence**

Any person, seeking a licence under these rules, shall make an application to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, UT Chandigarh in Form-I (*enclosed herewith*).

5. **Grant of licence**

On receipt of an application under Rule 4, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, shall make such inquiry, as he deems fit and after satisfying himself that such application is in accordance with the guidelines issued by the UT Government from time to time, may grant licence in the Form II (*enclosed herewith*), for a period of 1 year or may refuse to grant the licence for the reasons, to be recorded in writing and inform the applicant, accordingly.

6. **Fee for grant of licence**

The person seeking licence shall pay such fee, as may be specified by the UT Administration from time to time, by notification in the Official Gazette.

7. **Renewal of licence**

1. Any person who has been granted licence under rules, may apply for renewal of the licence in Form I within a period of six months before the expiry of the period for which licence was granted to him alongwith such fee, as may be specified by the UT Administration from time to time, by notification in the Official Gazette.

2. On receipt of an application under sub-rule (1), the Deputy Conservator of Forests, after satisfying himself that such application is in accordance with the guidelines issued by the UT Administration from time to time, shall renew the licence within a period of thirty day for the period, for which it was originally granted.

3. In case, the renewal of licence is refused, the Deputy Conservator of Forests shall provide an opportunity of being heard to the person concerned and record the reasons for refusing such renewal.