

GUYANA FORESTRY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Government of Guyana, following a consultative process, has arrived at a Policy position with respect to certain species of logs and squares, which will be implemented from 1st January, 2009. This Policy will be implemented by the Guyana Forestry Commission on behalf of the Government of Guyana over the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 at the following rates of Export Commission detailed for logs and squares, and will apply as per schedules below:

Schedule A - Logs

| SPECIES | RATE OF EXPORT COMMISSION (%) – Effective January 1, 2009 | RATE OF EXPORT COMMISSION (%) – Effective January 1, 2010 | RATE OF EXPORT COMMISSION (%) – Effective January 1, 2011 |
|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Purpleheart | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Red Cedar | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Letterwood | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Bulletwood | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Cow Wood | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Locust (Bastard) | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Tatabu | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Kabukalli | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Shibadan | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Tauroniro | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Washiba | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Hububalli | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Tonka Bean | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Darina | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Greenheart | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Brown Silverballi | 7 | 10 | 12 |

Schedule B – Logs

| SPECIES | RATE OF EXPORT COMMISSION (%) – Effective January 1, 2009 | RATE OF EXPORT COMMISSION (%) – Effective January 1, 2010 | RATE OF EXPORT COMMISSION (%) – Effective January 1, 2011 |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
| Itikiboroballi | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| Determa | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| Wamara | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| Hakia | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| Mora | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| Dukali | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| Kereti Silverballi | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| Wallaba | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| Fukadi | 7 | 10 | 10 |
| Futui | 7 | 10 | 10 |

Schedule C – Squares - 20.3 cm X 20.3 cm and greater (or 8” X 8” and greater)

| SPECIES | RATE OF EXPORT COMMISSION (%) – Effective January 1, 2009 | RATE OF EXPORT COMMISSION (%) – Effective January 1, 2010 | RATE OF EXPORT COMMISSION (%) – Effective January 1, 2011 |
|------------------|--|--|--|
| Purpleheart | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Red Cedar | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Letterwood | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Locust (Bastard) | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Kabukalli | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Shibadan | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Washiba | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Hububalli | 7 | 10 | 12 |
| Tonka Bean | 7 | 10 | 12 |

Schedule D

All other species not listed in **Schedules A and B** will attract a rate of 2% up to December 2011.

IMPLEMENTING MECHANISM

1. Exporters will only be allowed to export logs from their own concession.
2. The GFC currently charges an Export Commission of 2% on the Free on the Board (FOB) value of logs and squares. The implementing mechanism under the above Policy will follow a similar system to which the GFC currently has in place for Export Commission.
3. Consideration will be given to companies/entities exporting squares (products with dimension 20.3 cm X 20.3 cm and greater) for engineering end uses. In such cases, the request needs to be made to the GFC for consideration, and will need to be accompanied by contracts and other relevant documents as so determined by the GFC.
4. The existing restriction on the export of Crabwood and Locust species of logs remains in place.

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