

Procedure for the Issuance of a Timber Sales Agreement (TSA) and Wood Cutting Lease (WCL)

The following documents are submitted to and reviewed by the Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC):

Step # 1

1. Applicant must be in possession of a valid SFEP
2. Management Level/Reconnaissance/ Strategic Level Inventory
3. Forest Management Plans (FMP)
4. Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)*

Requirements are met

Documents are Approved

Requirements not met

Documents are Rejected

Step # 2

GFC makes a request for the issuance for the of TSA/WCL to the President of Guyana.

This request must first be signed by the chairman of GFC's Board of Directors and the Minister of Agriculture with responsibility for Forestry.

Once approved by the President the GFC issues the Timber Sales Agreement (TSA) or Wood Cutting Lease (WCL).

Applicant is allowed to revise documents and make a new submission for approval from the relevant agencies

Step # 3

Issuance of Timber Sales Agreement (TSA) or Wood Cutting Lease (WCL) based on Area Size by GFC

- Payment of annual acreage fees
- Preparation of five (5) year Forest Management Plan
- Preparation of Annual Operational Plan (AOP)
- Commence Harvesting in compliance with GFC guidelines

Additional information for TSA/WCL Holders:

- * ESIA will be reviewed jointly by the GFC and the EPA
- Log tracking tags will be issued based on the Annual Allowable Cut (AAC)
- Guidelines for various inventory procedures are available on GFC website or Head Office
- Pre – harvest inventory and verification by GFC must be conducted in each block to be harvested
- Unused Log Tracking Tags must be returned to the GFC before 31st December each year
- All jungle stock must be declared on a permit for verification before 31st December each year
- GFC will notify applicants on status of application
- Making an application does not guarantee that your application will be approved
- For renewals and re-issuances of these concessions, Step 1 is not applicable