

# THE RAJASTHAN FOREST (PRODUCE TRANSIT) RULES, 1957

[See Sec. 41]

**No. F. 34 (44) Rev. A/53, dated the 28<sup>th</sup> January, 1958.**<sup>1</sup> – In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 41 of the Rajasthan Forest Act, 1953 (Act No.13 of 1953), the Governor of Rajasthan is pleased to make the following rules to regulate the transit of forest produce, namely :

- 1. Title and commencement.-** These rules shall be called the Rajasthan Forest (Produce Transit) Rules, 1957, and shall come into force on their publication in the Rajasthan Gazette.
- 2. Removal of produce.-** No forest produce shall be moved into or from or within any area in the State of Rajasthan except as hereinafter provided without a pass issued by a Forest Officer or person duly authorised by or under these rules or otherwise than in accordance with the conditions of such pass or by any route or to any destination other than the route and destination specified in such pass;

Provided that no pass shall be required for the removal of any forest produce which has been extracted from the forest for consumption by any other forest produce, as maybe exempted by the State Government from the operation of these rules.

- 3. Passes,-** (1) The following officers and persons shall have the power to issue passes under these rules, namely-
  - (i) (a) a Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajasthan.  
(b) Conservator of Forests.  
(c) Divisional Forest Officer.  
(d) Sub-Divisional Forest Officer.
  - (ii) Persons specifically authorised by the Government in this behalf by a notification in the Rajasthan Rajpatra.
- (2) Every pass issued under these rules shall contain the following particulars, namely –
  - (a) Name of the persons to the whom the pass is granted.
  - (b) Quantity and description of forest produce covered by it.
  - (c) Name of the village, tehsil and district in which the person resides.
  - (d) Place from and to which such forest produce is to be taken or conveyed.
  - (e) The route and the name of chowkies and nakas by which such forest produce is to be conveyed.
  - (f) The period for which the pass shall be valid.

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<sup>1</sup> Published in the Rajasthan Gazette, Pt.IV-C, dated 20<sup>th</sup> February, 1958.

4. **Fees.**- A pass under rule 2 shall be issued in the form appended to these rules upon payment of a fee of a rupee one.
5. **Means of Transport.**- A group of carts, transport animals, mechanically, driver, vehicles belonging to or hired by one individual owner may be covered by one single pass provided that the number of such carts, transport animals or vehicles is clearly recorded in the pass and if such carts, transport animals or vehicles belong to different owners they shall be accompanied by as many passes as there are owners.

This rule shall not apply to persons holding passes under rights and concessions in whose case one pass shall suffice for a family.

6. **Check posts.** – All forest produce moved into or from the limits of the State of Rajasthan shall pass through a check chowki (or naka) where the transit pass must be produced for inspection and endorsement by the official in-charge of the chowki.
7. **Marking.**- All unfashioned timber must be properly marked or branded by a property mark which shall be registered in the office of a Divisional Forest Officer. The registration fee shall be Re.1 per property mark or property hammer. The Divisional Forest Officer shall refuse to register a property mark or property hammer which is similar to a property mark or hammer already registered.
8. **Stoppage in transit.** – Any forest Officer not below the rank of a Forest Guard or any Police Officer not below the rank of a Head Constable may stop, examine, mark and report on timber and other forest produce in transit.
9. **Depots.**- (i) The Conservator of Forests may establish such places as he thinks fit as depots to which the forest produce shall be taken-
  - (a) for examination prior to the grant of a pass, or
  - (b) for determining the amount of money, if any, payable to Government, and for the payment of any money so found to be due, or
  - (c) in order that any mark required by law or these rules is to be fixed thereto may be so fixed.
- (ii) The Conservator of Forests shall make known from time to time by notification in the official Gazette, and locally in such manner as he deems fit the names and situation of each depot in his Circle.
- (iii) Each depot shall be in charge of an officer appointed by or under the orders of the Conservator of Forests without whose permission no forest produce shall be brought into or removed from the depot.