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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 24 of 1999

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Sawmills Act, Chap. 66:02

[Assented to 12th October, 1999]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment
follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Short title
Sawmills (Amendment) Act, 1999.

Section 2 amended

2. The Act is amended in section 2 by—

- (a) deleting the definition of “Conservator”;
- (b) deleting the definition of “sawmill” and substituting the following:

“sawmill” includes every sawmill compound and every breakdown saw or mill designed and used to break down and convert logs into boards, planks or scantlings or to re-saw the boards, planks or scantlings into boards, planks or scantlings of small dimensions; and

- (c) inserting the following definition:

“sawmill compound” means any area whether enclosed or not, used to operate one or more sawmills and in reference to which the terms and conditions referred to in section 4(4) are applicable; and

- (d) inserting the following subsection (2):

“ (2) In this Act a reference to the words “Conservator” or “Conservator of Forests” shall be construed as a reference to the term “Director” or “Director of Forestry”.”.

Section 3 amended

3. The Act is amended in section 3(4), by deleting the words “five hundred” and substituting the words “two thousand”.

Section 3A inserted

4. The Act is amended by inserting the following section 3A:

“Permit for
Furniture
Shop

3A. (1) No person shall operate a furniture shop without a permit issued by the Minister in accordance with section 3B.

(2) No person who operates a furniture shop shall convert logs into dimensional stock without a sawmill licence granted under section 4.

(3) A person who contravenes this section, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$100,000.00 and imprisonment for one year.

Application
for Permit

3B. (1) In furtherance of section 3A, the owner or operator of a furniture shop shall apply to the Director for a permit to so operate and shall pay a fee of \$500.00 or such other fee as the Minister may prescribe by Order, and such Order shall be subject to negative resolution of Parliament.

(2) Where on the coming into force of this Act, a furniture shop is already in operation, the owner or operator shall be entitled to a permit, subject to such conditions as the Director sees fit.

Meaning of
furniture
shop

3C. For the purposes of sections 3A and 3B “furniture shop” means a place where wooden furniture are manufactured for sale, or where wood is used in the manufacture of furniture for sale.

5. The Act is amended by inserting the following new Section 4A inserted sections after section 4:

“Log Haulage
Permit

4A. (1) No person may—

(a) extract, carry or transport logs by means of vehicle, animal or otherwise; or

Second
Schedule

(b) use a vehicle or equipment listed in the Second Schedule for the extraction or haulage of logs within forest located in State lands or Forest reserves,

without a valid permit issued by the Director.”.

(2) A permit to be called a Log Haulage Permit shall be issued by the Conservator upon application from the owner or driver of the vehicle or user of equipment on which the logs are to be transported, or hauled from the forests.

(3) The Conservator may, prior to the grant of the application, request such information as he thinks fit.

(4) The fee for the Log Haulage Permit shall be three hundred dollars.

(5) The Log Haulage Permit shall expire at the end of twelve calendar months, and is renewable at the same fee one month before expiration thereof.

(6) A person who fails to obtain a Log Haulage Permit in accordance with this section commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of three thousand dollars or imprisonment for six months.

Section 5 amended

6. The Act is amended in section 5, by deleting all the words beginning with the words “three thousand dollars” and substituting the words “one hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for five years and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty of five thousand dollars for each day during which the offence continues.”.

7. The Act is amended in section 8(2) by inserting Section 8 amended after the word “sawmill” occurring in line two the words “or the holder of a permit for a furniture shop”.

8. The Act is amended, by inserting the following Section 8 inserted section after section 8:

“Stockpiling 8A. (1) A person who stores or stockpiles timber in a sawmill compound, shall keep a record of the number of Removal Permits granted under the Chap. 66:01 Forests Act, the date of its issue and the name of the officer who issued same, for each occasion on which timber is removed from its source.

(2) A person who contravenes this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine of twenty-five thousand dollars or imprisonment for one year.”.

9. The Act is amended in section 9 by inserting after Section 9 amended the word “open” occurring in line two of subsection (1), the words “or in operation”.

10. The Act is amended in section 10 by deleting all Section 10 amended the words beginning with the words “three thousand dollars” and substituting the words “thirty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for two years”.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 4A

List of Equipment used for Extraction of logs

1. Wheel tractors
2. Track tractors
3. Skidders/Timberjacks
4. Pegged wheel tractors
5. Feller/Bunchers
6. Trucks
7. All trailers

Passed in the Senate this 17th day of November, 1998.

N. COX

Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 26th day of July, 1999.

J. SAMPSON-JACENT

Clerk of the House

House of Representatives amendments agreed to by the Senate this 10th day of August, 1999.

N. COX

Clerk of the Senate

Senate amendments agreed to by the House of Representatives this 3rd day of September, 1999.

J. SAMPSON-JACENT

Clerk of the House