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Hon. Elfrieda Tamba

Commissioner General

Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA)

ELWA Junction, Paynesville

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Dear Commissioner General:

The Forestry Development Authority presents compliments and writes to request your Agency to grant a duty free privilege to the Euro Liberia Logging Company for a sawmill purchased at the value of €230,000. Importation of this equipment is in compliance with provision of Reg. 107-7 part IV sec. 46 and the NFRL 2006 sec. 18.6 (d).

The sawmill is expected to arrive in Liberia by the end of June or the first week in July, 2015. The proposed site for this mill is in Duo Town, Grand Gedeh County and has been granted certificate by the EPA for operating this sawmill. We have attached the invoice and shipment details for your perusal and timely consideration.

We look forward to a continued collaboration between the FDA and your institution as we strive to enhance sustainable forest management in Liberia.

With the assurance of my highest consideration, I remain.

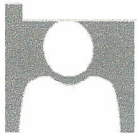
Very truly yours,

Harrison S. Karnwea, Sr.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

HSK/DST/jgd

Duty free request for Sawmill



HARRISON KARNWEA

7/10/15

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To: Elfreda Tamba, Decontee King-Sackie Cc: Darlington Tuagben, Kederick...

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Dear Madam CG,

Please find attached the reference in our letter to you regarding request for subject on behalf of Euro Logging Company. However, upon reviewing this attachment, I realize that this is a provision for action that should have been taken by FDA and the GoL and have not yet been taken.

Whatever the case, I request that we give the company some incentive to establish a value addition facility that will eventually increase our revenue base from the sector. The materials have arrived at the Free Port of Monrovia.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Regards,

Harrison S. Karnwea, Sr.

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(2) For Wood Products from category B species, 2.5 percent of the contract price of the Wood Products, FOB Monrovia, as determined in the list approved under Section 3 of this Regulation.

(3) For Wood Products from category C species, 1.5 percent of the contract price of the Wood Products, FOB Monrovia, as determined in the list approved under Section 3 of this Regulation.

(b) If the Wood Products include material from more than one species mixed in a way that makes it difficult to determine the amount from each species, the Government shall calculate the Wood Products export fee at the highest rate that applies to any species in the mix.

(c) No person shall export Wood Products without proof of payment of the Wood Products export fee.

Section 46. Sawmill Permits

(a) In this Section, "sawmill" means any mechanized facility processing wood in any manner (except for a facility producing only charcoal), and includes facilities producing sawn lumber; partially sawn, barked, or shaped logs or cants; veneer; plywood, particleboard, or related bonded wood products; wood chips; sawdust; pulp; cardboard; or paper.

(b) No person shall operate a sawmill without the permit required under this Section.

(c) Operators of sawmills processing 1500 cubic meters or more of wood per year shall obtain a Class A annual operator's permit from the Authority and pay to the Government an annual fee of two thousand five hundred United States dollars (US \$2500).

(d) Operators of sawmills processing at least 750 but less than 1500 cubic meters of wood per year shall obtain a Class B annual operator's permit from the Authority and pay to the Government an annual fee of one thousand United States dollars (US \$1000).

(e) Operators of sawmills processing less than 750 cubic meters of wood per year shall obtain a Class C annual operator's permit from the Authority and pay to the Government an annual fee of seven hundred and fifty United States dollars (US \$750).

(f) Fees under this Section are due on the date that the sawmill begins operation and on each anniversary of that date (or for sawmills already in operation on the effective date of this Regulation, fees are due on that effective date and its anniversary). The Authority shall require proof of payment of the fee before issuing or renewing a permit under this Section.

Sections 47 to 50. Reserved

PART FIVE: TRANSPARENCY

Section 51. Disclosure

Section 18.5 Trans-Border Agreements

If the Government concludes agreements with other states applying to the transport of Timber or Forest Products, the Government shall grant the advantages arising out of such agreements to all Holders on the same terms, without discrimination.

Section 18.6 Processing Rights

- a. Holders of Forest Management Contracts and Holders of Timber Sale Contracts may establish mills within the Republic for conditioning, treatment, refining, and processing of Timber and wood-derived Forest Products, subject to any requirements that the Authority may, by Regulation, establish.
- b. The Authority shall require Persons bidding on Forest Management Contracts to demonstrate their capacity and strategy for increasing value-added industries in the Republic.
- c. The Authority shall promote value-added processing of Timber and wood-derived Forest Products within the Republic by Holders and by other Persons in the private sector by requiring, in all Forest Management Contracts, that Holders' business plans include a strategy for enhancing domestic processing.
- d. The Authority, within five years of the effective date of this law, shall evaluate the value added industry and its impact on the economy and, if necessary, shall propose additional policies to provide incentive for the creation of value added industry.

Section 18.7 Declaration

The Authority may, by Regulation, establish rules requiring Persons to report the purchase, sale, conditioning, treatment, refining, transportation, import, or export of Timber and Timber Products.

Section 18.8 Industrial Infrastructure

Holders of Forest Management Contracts or Timber Sale Contracts may install industrial infrastructure necessary for and incidental to their Operations, in accordance with this Law, its accompanying Regulations, and any other laws concerning industrial activity in the Republic.

Section 18.9 Economic Sabotage

The following are offenses punishable under the Penal Law as economic sabotage:

- a. For an Operator or Holder to conduct Operations beyond the Granted Area specified in a Forest Resources License.
- b. For an agent or employee of the Authority to grant permission to harvest or use Forest Resources in contravention of any provision of this Law.