

(Rules Under the Upper Myanmar Forest Regulation, 1898.)

No.246 (FORESTS)

THE MYANMAR GAZETTE, JUNE 23RD, 1900.

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Amending Law

No. 246 (FORESTS).- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 36 (2) (c) and (h) of the Upper Myanmar Forest Regulation, 1898, and in supersession of Rules 18 (2), 19 and 27 and of Rules 20 (3), 20 (4), 33, 37 (1), and 37 (2) of the Rules under the said Regulation, so far as they relate to caoutchouc, the Lieutenant-Governor makes the following rules for controlling the extraction of caoutchouc in Upper Myanmar.

Definition of produce.

- 1.** Caoutchouc in these rules includes gutta-percha.

Extraction licenses.

- 2.** Except in the drainage area north of Bhamo and the Chindwin river north of Kindat, no person shall extract or collect caoutchouc except under and in accordance with the conditions of a license in the form of Appendix I to these rules. In the drainage area north of Bhamo and the Chindwin river north of Kindat extraction licenses shall not be required.

Method of extraction from trees.

- 3.** Caoutchouc trees may be tapped only between the 15th September and the 15th May. In extracting caoutchouc from rubber trees the tapping of branches, stems and aerial roots measuring less than 3 feet in girth at the place of incision is prohibited. The underground roots of trees may not be tapped, and no caoutchouc trees, shrubs or creepers which yield rubber or gutta-percha may be felled, burnt or lopped. The incisions must be made only in the bark and not into the wood; they must not exceed 6 inches in length and 1 inch in breadth, and must be at least 6 inches apart. In the case of caoutchouc-yielding shrubs special conditions as to the maximum length and breadth, and as to the locality of the incisions may be inserted in the license.

Extractions to be brought to revenue stations.

- 4.** Caoutchouc extracted or collected under the license prescribed in Rule 2 shall be brought to a revenue station named in the license for examination.

Royalty.

- 5.** A royalty at the rate of 12 annas per viss or such lesser amount as may from time to time be prescribed by the Local Government shall be paid at the first revenue station reached. A further royalty at the rate of Rs.2 per viss will be levied on all caoutchouc which the officer who collects the royalty has reason to believe is the produce of tapping underground roots. In the case of caoutchouc brought to Mogaung or Paungbyin, but intended to be conveyed to Bhamo or Kindat, the royalty due may be paid on the arrival of the caoutchouc at Bhamo or Kindat.

Purchase of caoutchouc.

6. No person shall purchase any caoutchouc in the Bhamo, Myitkyina, Upper Chindwin or Minbu districts, save under and subject to the conditions of a license granted by the Local Government or by the Deputy Commissioner, or the officer in charge of a Forest Division or subdivision, or by an officer empowered by the Deputy Commissioner in that behalf, in the form of Appendix II to these rules. The fee for a license granted under this clause shall be Rs. 10.

Control of caoutchouc in transit.

7. (1) No person shall move caoutchouc in transit without a pass from the Deputy Commissioner of the district or Forest officer of the Forest division in which the caoutchouc is, or from an officer empowered in this behalf by such Deputy Commissioner or Forest officer, or otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of a pass.

(2) The pass shall be in the form of Appendix III to the rules.

(3) Such pass shall be produced on the demand of any Forest officer or Police officer.

(4) Caoutchouc for which such pass is not produced may be detained by any Forest or Police officer.

(5) The fee payable for such a pass shall be half an anna per 100 viss of caoutchouc.

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