



ABSTRACT

Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department – The Tamil Nadu Regulation of Wood Based Industries Rules, 2010 – Licence Renewal applications received after the prescribed time limit – Guidelines - Notified.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOREST (FR.12) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.41

Dated: 24.02.2025

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திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு - 2056

Read:

From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Chennai, Letter Ref. No.WR3/20711/2024, dated 08.08.2024 and 06.11.2024.

ORDER:

Sub-rule (1) of rule 5 of the Tamil Nadu Regulation of Wood Based Industries Rules, 2010 provides that any person who has been granted licence under that rules, may apply for renewal of the licence in Form-I within a period of three months before the expiry of the period, for which licence was granted to him along with such fee, as may be specified by the Government from time to time and that in case the licensee fails to submit his application for renewal within the stipulated period, renewal of licence can be considered by the licencing authority, provided a fee equal to double the fee specified by the Government for renewal is paid by the applicant and the application is made before the expiry of the licence and that the renewal applications received after the prescribed time limit will be considered and decided by the competent authority as per the guidelines notified by the State Government in this regard from time to time.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) in his letter read above has stated that there is a consistent trend over the past five years wherein numerous renewal applications are received after the expiry date and hence requested to issue guidelines to facilitate timely renewals while ensuring regulatory accountability. The Principal Chief

Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) has therefore, requested the Government to frame guidelines to streamline the administrative process for licence renewal applications received after the prescribed time limit.

3. The Government after detailed examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), have decided to notify the guidelines for renewal of applications received after the prescribed time limit under sub rule (1) of rule 5 of the Tamil Nadu Regulation of Wood Based Industries Rules, 2010 as annexed to this Order and order accordingly.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

SUPRIYA SAHU
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force), Chennai-32.

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ANNEXURE
NOTIFICATION

Under sub-rule (1) of rule 5 of the Tamil Nadu Regulation of Wood Based Industries Rules, 2010, the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby notifies the following guidelines:-

GUIDELINES

(1) One-time provision for pending renewal applications received after the expiry of licence: Considering the administrative disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, one time provision is provided for all pending applications for the renewal of licence received after the expiry of licence. Rs.10,000/- shall be collected as a penalty for those applications. All those applications for renewal submitted to the District Forest Officers, till 31.12.2024 shall be considered under this provision.

(2) Provision for renewal applications after expiry period received after 31.12.2024: Application for renewal of licence shall be permitted upto six months after the expiry of the licence, with penalty on per day basis. The penalty for such belated applications shall be collected at the rate of Rs.500/- per day for the first three months after the expiry of licence and the same shall be collected at the rate of Rs.1,000/- per day for the next three months.

(3) Applications received beyond six months after the expiry of licence:- Applications received after six months of the date of expiry of licence shall be rejected summarily.

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