

FORESTRY ACT [CAP 276]

Forestry (2014 Sandalwood Harvesting Season) Order No.128 of 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by paragraphs 47(6)(a), (b) and (c) of the Forestry Act [CAP 276], I, the Honourable DAVID TOSUL, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity, on the advice of the Director General, make the following Order:

1 2014 Sandal harvesting season

The sandalwood harvesting season for 2014 will commence on the 11th July 2014 and ends on 10th October 2014 for all the islands of Vanuatu, where sandalwood trees can be harvested.

2 Licence quota

- (1) The Licence quota for the 2014 sandalwood harvesting season is not more than 80 metric tons.
- (2) Licensees that have not reached their license quota under subclause (1) are allowed to purchase sandalwood.
- (3) To avoid doubt, a licensee who has reached the licensed quota under subclause (1) is not allowed to purchase sandalwood.

3 Prices for various grades of sandalwood

The minimum prices for the various grades of sandalwood heartwood:

- (a) 1st grade heartwood VT 4000 per kilogram;
- (b) 2nd grade heartwood VT 3000 per kilogram;

(c) 3rd grade heartwood - VT 2000 per kilogram.

4 Offences

A person who fails to purchase sandalwood heartwood at the minimum price set out in clause 3 is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of VT 100,000.

5 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 8th day of July, 2014.

Honourable DAVID TOSUL

Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry,

Fisheries and Biosecurity