

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 20 OF 2002

The Local Government Act  
(Laws, Volume 16, Cap. 281)

The Senanga District Council (Forest Produce Levy)  
By-laws 2002

IN EXERCISE of the powers contained in section *seventy-six* of the Local government Act, the following By-laws are hereby made:

1. These By-laws may be cited as the Senanga District Council (Forest Produce Levy) By-laws 2002. Title

2. In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpreta-  
tion

“ area ” means the area under the jurisdiction of the Senanga District Council;

“ charcoal ” means the black product of tree logs burnt slowly in an oven and used for fuel;

“ check point ” means any place within the Council area designated by the Council for the payment of forest produce levy;

“ collector ” means any officer or agent of the Council authorised to collect forest produce levy for the Council;

“ Council ” means the Senanga District Council;

“ cord ” means a stack of firewood 3.584m in volume measuring 2.438m in length, 1.217m in width, and 1.217m in height, or part thereof;

“ firewood ” means all straight parts of a tree which are between 15.24cm and 91.44cm in girth and shall include all crooked and un-sound parts between 15.24cm and 91.44 cm in girth;

“ forest produce ” includes trees, timber, branch wood, firewood, bamboos, grass, reeds, thatch, fibre, charcoal, honey wax and earth;

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“ package ” means a bag or container in which charcoal has been packed or a number of logs, timber, planks tied or heaped together;

“ pole ” means all straight parts of a tree which are more than 1.217m long and which are not more than 91.44cm in maximum girth; and

“ timber ” means all sound, straight parts of a tree which are more than 1.217m long and are more than 91.44cm in minimum girth under bark.

Imposition of forest levy

3. Any person who sells or exports forest produce within or from the area shall pay to the Council a forest produce levy at the following rates:

(a) in the case of timber—

- (i) two hundred and fifty kwacha per plank;
- (ii) two hundred and fifty kwacha per rafter;
- (iii) one hundred kwacha per pole; and
- (iv) one thousand kwacha per beam.

(b) in the case of firewood—

- (i) two hundred and fifty kwacha per cord; and
- (ii) one hundred kwacha per cord; or any part of

(c) in the case of charcoal—

- (i) one hundred kwacha per twenty-five kilogram bag;
- (ii) two hundred and fifty kwacha per fifty kilogram bag; and
- (iii) four hundred kwacha per ninety kilogram bag.

(d) twenty-five kwacha per bundle of grass; and

(e) one hundred kwacha per reed mat.

No sale or export of forest produce without payment of produce levy

4. A person shall not sell within or export from the area, any forest produce which has not been counted at check point and for which a forest produce levy has not been paid to the Council.

Payment and collection of forest produce levy

5. A person who sells or exports forest produce shall pay forest produce levy to a collector at a check-point and the collector shall upon receiving the levy immediately issue an official receipt.

Offences and penalties

6. (1) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these by-laws commits an offence and shall be liable upon conviction—

(a) in case of a first offence, to a fine not exceeding eighty penalty units or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both; and

(b) in case of a second or subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding sixteen penalty units for every day during which the contravention continues.

(2) In addition to any penalty prescribed under sub by-law (1) the Court may order that any expenses incurred by the Council in consequence of such contravention be paid by the person committing the contravention.

Made by the Senanga District Council this 14th day of November, 2001.

B. M. MUMBELA,  
*Chairman*  
*Senanga District Council*

G. L. NYUWA,  
*Secretary*  
*Senanga District Council*

Confirmed by me at Lusaka this 21st day of February, 2002.

LUSAKA  
21st February, 2002  
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M. M. MABENGA,  
*Minister of Local Government*  
*and Housing*