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CHAPTER 290**

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CHAPTER 290

MEASURERS OF WOOD

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[28th September, 1910]

Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the Measurers of Wood Act.

Interpretation. **2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,

“licensed measurer” means a person licensed under this Act;

“wood” means pine, cedar, mahogany, balsa, santa maria and all other species of wood produced in Belize except log-wood and sawn lumber.

Examination of persons desiring to become licensed measurers.
S.I. 16 of 1965.
40 of 1963

3.-(1) The Chief Forest Officer, assisted by two assessors to be appointed by him, one of whom shall be a licensed measurer, shall be the examiner to examine as to the capability and knowledge of all persons desiring to act as licensed measurers.

(2) If the Chief Forest Officer satisfies the Minister that he is unable to obtain the services of a licensed measurer to be an assessor under this section, the Minister may authorise the Chief Forest Officer, without the assistance of a licensed measurer as assessor, to examine a person desiring to become a licensed measurer.

(3) The Chief Forest Officer shall from time to time, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations under which the examination of applicants for licences under this Act shall be conducted and for determining the qualifications to be possessed by persons obtaining such licences.

4.-(1) When any person desires to act as a licensed measurer, the following procedure shall be adopted,

Procedure by candidates for examination.

- (a) he shall apply in writing to the Chief Forest Officer to be examined as to his capability and fitness to act as a licensed measurer with accuracy and shall pay into the Treasury a fee of five dollars;
- (b) when the application is duly made and the prescribed fee paid, the Chief Forest Officer shall proceed to examine the person making such application, and if in the opinion of the Chief Forest Officer such person is competent to act as a licensed measurer, he shall sign and deliver to such person a certificate in the form set out in the First Schedule;
- (c) upon the applicant making the declaration set out in the Second Schedule, and upon his forwarding his certificate from the Chief Forest Officer and the declaration to the Permanent Secretary with a request in writing to be duly licensed as a measurer of wood, the Minister may issue a licence in the form set out in the Third Schedule, which licence shall be delivered by the Permanent Secretary to the licensee as soon as he has entered into a bond to the Government in the sum of one thousand dollars with two good and sufficient sureties before the Registrar General for the performance of his duties.

40 of 1963.
S.I. 44 of 1966.

(2) No person licensed under this Act or any prior legislation shall be permitted to act as a licensed measurer unless and until his certificate and licence are recorded in the General Registry, and the Registrar General shall take and receive a fee of dollars to be paid into the Treasury for recording it.

(3) Every person licensed under this Act or any prior legislation shall pay an annual licence duty of one hundred and fifty dollars and shall obtain a receipt for such payment which shall entitle the licensed measurer to act as such until 31st December next ensuing.

(4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the General Registry Act, Cap. 327, the Registrar General may receive without proof of execution and record any certificate and licence as mentioned in this section.

Renewal of bond.

5.—(1) If the sureties to the bond of any licensed measurer or either of them dies or cancels their obligations under the bond specified in section 4 (1)(c) of this Act, it shall not be lawful for the principal thereto, after knowledge thereof, to act as a licensed measurer until he has entered into a new bond.

(2) Any licensed measurer who contravenes this section shall be liable to a fine of two hundred dollars for each offence.

Penalty for acting without licence.

6. No person shall act as a licensed measurer until he has obtained a licence and has paid the annual licence duty under this Act and every person who acts contrary to this section commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Penalty for unlicensed person measuring wood.

7. Any person, other than a licensed measurer of wood, who measures any wood for the purposes of export commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Certificate of measurement.

8. Every licensed measurer shall if required, before the wood is removed from the place where it is measured, give a certificate signed by him of the gross and net measurement of each piece of wood measured by him, showing any deductions and the reasons therefore.

Penalty for giving certificate of measurement not actually witnessed.

9. Every licensed measurer of wood who gives a certificate as to the measurements of any such wood which has not been measured in his presence and under his personal supervision commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

10.-(1) Every licensed measurer who gives a false certificate of the measurement of any wood which he knows to be false commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or in default of payment to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months.

Penalty for giving false certificate.

(2) A conviction under this section shall operate as a cancellation of the licence held by the person so convicted.

(3) It shall not be lawful for any person whose licence has been cancelled by operation of subsection (2) of this section to be again licensed as a measurer of wood until after the expiration of three years from such conviction.

11. It shall be the duty of the Registrar General to publish in the *Gazette* the name of every licensed measurer whose certificate and licence have been lodged for record in the General Registry as soon as possible after such certificate and licence have been lodged for record.

Publication in *Gazette*.

12. The Minister may from time to time prescribe the maximum fees payable to licensed measurers for measuring wood in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Fees.

13. All penalties imposed by this Act shall be recovered upon summary conviction.

Recovery of penalties.

FIRST SCHEDULE

MEASURES OF WOOD ACT
Certificate of Chief Forest Officer
[Section 4]

BELIZE.

I,....., Chief Forest Officer, do hereby certify that I have, assisted by two assessors, carefully examined *(name)*.....of *(place and trade, profession, or calling)*.....and find him to be fully qualified to act as a measurer of wood.

Chief Forest Officer

SECOND SCHEDULE

MEASURES OF WOOD ACT
Declaration of Measure of Wood
[Section 4]

BELIZE

I,....., of.....,
do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will do to the best of my skill,
knowledge and ability accurately measure wood, and that I will do justice
between buyer and seller and any proprietor without favour of affection.

DECLARED and subscribed at..... this.....
day of....., 20.....

Before me

Justice of the Peace

THIRD SCHEDULE

MEASURERS OF WOOD ACT

Measurer of Wood

[Section 4]

BELIZE.

IT HAVING BEEN CERTIFIED to me that,
of....., is duly qualified to act as
a measurer of wood and has made the declaration and entered into the
bond required by law.

NOW I,....., Minister, do in pursuance of
the provisions of the Measurers of Wood Act, Cap. 290, hereby licence
the said.....to measure wood.

DATED this.....day of.....20..... .

Minister.
