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Inspector General of Police

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All District Secretaries/Government Agents

All Divisional Secretaries

General Manager, Railways

**Issuing permits for the transport of timber**

The following sections of the Ministry circular no.17/96 dated 06.12.1996 and No. 06/02/05 Vol.III that was issued concerning the above, will be amended with immediate effect.

I The following section will be added as section 4.1.8 after section 4.1.7 of the section 04 of the circular No.17/96.

4.1.8 When permits are requested to transport logs obtained from not more than two trees of Halmilla and Margosa that belong to the type of limited (prohibited) trees or timber sawn from those logs or window frames, windows, door frames and doors made of those timber, the permit can be issued by the Divisional Secretary after obtaining the report of the relevant Grama Niladhari. However, if a permit is requested to transport either of these two species when they have been planted by the Forest Department within the relevant Divisional Secretary's Division or when the type of timber expect to be transported is difficult to identify or when there is a state land bordering the land of which trees have been felled, a recommendation has to be obtained from the Range Forest Officer.

II By repealing 5.1, 5.2 and 5.5 of the section 05 of the circular no. 17/96 and substituting following 5.1 and 5.2 sections therefore.

5.1 When permits are requested to transport logs obtained from not more than two trees that do not belong to the type of limited (prohibited) trees or timber from those logs or window frames, windows, door frames and doors made of those timber, the permit can be issued by the Divisional Secretary after obtaining the report of the relevant Grama Niladhari. However, if a permit is requested to transport these timber species,

when they have been planted by the Forest Department within the relevant Divisional Secretary's Division or when the type of timber expect to be transported is difficult to identify or when there is a state land bordering the land of which trees have been felled, a recommendation has to be obtained from the Range Forest Officer.

5.2 When permits are requested to transport logs obtained from three or more than three trees that do not belongs to the type of limited (prohibited)trees or timber sawn from those logs or window frames, windows, door frames and doors made of those timber, the permit can be issued by the Divisional Secretary after obtaining recommendations of the relevant Grama Niladhari and of the relevant Range Forest Officer.

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