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**ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT
(CAP. 549)**

**Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Licensing
Scheme (Amendment) Regulations, 2025**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 54 and 55 of the Environment Protection Act, the Minister responsible for the environment after consultation with the Environment and Resources Authority, has made the following regulations:-

1. The title of these regulations is the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Licensing Scheme (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Licensing Scheme Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations". Citation.
S.L. 549.95.

2. Paragraph (a) of regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new paragraph: Amends
regulation 2 of
the principal
regulations.

"(a) Council Regulation (EC) No 2173/2005 of 20 December 2005 on the establishment of a FLEGT licensing scheme for imports of timber into the European Community as amended by Regulation (EU) No 657/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014, Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1387 of 9 June 2016 and Regulation (EU) 2019/1010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019, hereinafter referred to as "Regulation (EC) No. 2173/2005"; and".

3. Regulation 3 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows: Amends
regulation 3 of
the principal
regulations.
 - (a) the definition "competent authority" thereof shall be substituted by the following new definition:

" "competent authority" means the Environment and Resources Authority as established by article 6 of the Environment Protection Act;"

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 - (b) the definition "Director" thereof shall be deleted;

 - (c) the definition "timber" thereof shall be substituted by

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the following new definition:

" "timber" means timber products as defined in article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 2173/2005."

Amends
regulation 4 of
the principal
regulations.

4. Sub-regulation (1) of regulation 4 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new sub-regulation:

"(1) The competent authority shall be responsible for the implementation of these regulations, Regulation (EC) No. 2173/2005 and the Implementing Regulation."

Amends
regulation 6 of
the principal
regulations.

5. In sub-regulation (1) of regulation 6 of the principal regulations the words "The Director may, for the purposes of these regulations, appoint officers who will have such functions as the Director may deem necessary for the enforcement and implementation of any provision of these regulations, Regulation (EC) No. 2173/2005 and the Implementing Regulation, and shall have the right to:" shall be substituted by the words "An officer authorised by the competent authority shall have the power to, at all reasonable times, for the purposes of carrying out his functions in accordance with these regulations and upon production of an identification document:".

Amends
regulation 7 of
the principal
regulations.

6. In regulation 7 of the principal regulations the words "the Director may request" shall be substituted by the words "the competent authority may request".

Amends
regulation 8 of
the principal
regulations.

7. Regulation 8 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph (g) of sub-regulation (1) thereof the words "by the Director" shall be substituted by the words "by the competent authority";

(b) in paragraph (a) of sub-regulation (3) thereof the words "of the Director" shall be substituted by the words "of the competent authority".