

**Government of Bihar,
Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,**

**DRAFT RULES
(FINAL Draft)**

**The Bihar Wood-Based Industries
(Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2025**

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S.O. dated the - In exercise of the powers conferred under section 32 of The Bihar Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2025 (Bihar Act 4, 2025) the Governor of Bihar is pleased to make the following Rules.

1. Short title, extent, and commencement - (1) These Rules may be called the Bihar Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2025.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Bihar.

(3) It shall come into force with immediate effect.

2. Definitions - (1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires-

(a) "*Act*" means Bihar Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2025 (Bihar Act 4, 2025);

(b) "*Rules*" means Bihar Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Rules, 2025

(c) "*Divisional Forest Officer*" means the Officer in charge of a Territorial Forest Division.

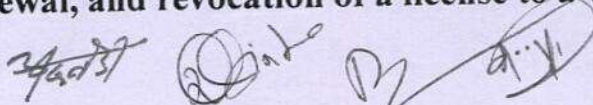
(d) "*Conservator of Forests*" means Officer in charge of a Forest Circle.

(e) "*Registered unit*" means a wood based industries registered under sub section (9) of section 10 of the Act.

(f) '*Veneer Mill or Plywood Mill*' means plants and machinery and the premises in which or in any part thereof, conversion into required size, slicing, peeling, fashioning, or seasoning of timber/ wood, including preservation and treatment thereof either by mechanical or chemical process with the aid of electrical or mechanical power or manually is carried out.

(2) Words and expressions defined in the Bihar Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2025 and used in this Rule shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. Grant, renewal, and revocation of a license to a wood based industry:



- (1) No license to a wood based industrial unit shall be granted or renewed without obtaining prior approval of the State Level Committee.
- (2) No wood based industrial unit shall be established/ operate in a State except under and in accordance with the license granted in Form A-1 after receiving duly filled Form A, from the applicant, by an officer authorized by the State Government in this regard (Preferably DCF/DFO or equivalent).
- (3) The State Level Committee may maintain a separate list of wood based industries working solely on the timber imported from international market. The license to such industries shall specifically contain a condition to the effect that such units shall not be allowed to use timber produced in country. If in future, the said units want to use timber produced in the country on account of abundant availability they will seek specific permission from SLC to do so.

The SLC will ensure that the interests of the units using domestic produce are protected. Fresh licenses can be granted by the Committee for units which operate solely on imported raw material irrespective of the result of wood availability assessment in the State/UT.
- (4) The license granted to a wood based industry shall remain valid for five years, from the date of such issue or renewal of License. However, notwithstanding anything contained in these guidelines, the Licensing Authority may, where there are reasons to believe that the Licensee is operating the wood based industry in contravention of the provisions of these guidelines or conditions of License or any Rules framed by the State Government or is in activities prejudicial to the interest of forest conservation or public interest, at any time after giving one month notice, revoke the license granted to such wood based industry.
- (5) Application in Form-A for renewal of license granted to a wood based industrial unit shall be made atleast three (3) months before the expiry of validity period.
- (6) Transfer of license on sale/succession etc shall be done only with the approval of State Level Committee.
- (7) No licence for setting up new wood based industries within a distance of two kilometres from the boundary of any 'forest' whether notified or not, shall be granted, except when it is required for Departmental use. The distance of two kilometers shall be computed from topo sheets as aerial distance as crow flies.
- (8) A Wood Based Industry can be established in an industrial Estate or a Municipal area, irrespective of the aerial distance from the boundary of nearest notified forest or protected area.
- (9) The Certificate of Registration for Wood Based Industry as mention under sub section 8 of section 10 of the act shall also be issued in Form A-1.

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(1) Any person who has been granted licence under these rules, may apply for renewal of the licence in Form-A within a period of three months before the expiry of the period, for which licence was granted to him along with such fee, as may be specified by the Government from time to time. In case the licensee fails to submit his application for renewal within the stipulated period, renewal of licence can be considered by the licensing authority, provided a fee equal to double the fee specified by the Government for renewal is paid by the applicant and the application is made before the expiry of the licence. The renewal applications received after the prescribed time limit will be considered and decided by the competent authority as per the guidelines notified by the State Government in this regard from time to time.

(2) On receipt of an application under sub-rule (1), the Licensing Officer, after satisfying himself that the application is in accordance with all the regulatory mechanism in-force for the time being and that the establishment of wood based industries will not have any adverse impact on forests and after the approval of the Committee shall renew the licence in Form-A-1 for a further period of five years.

5. Transfer of licence.

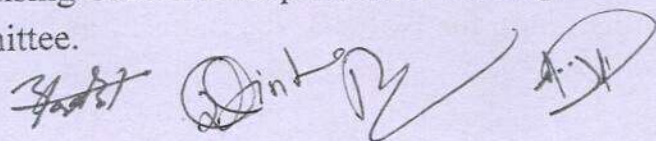
The licence shall normally be transferable. However, transfer of licence can be allowed from one person to another by the Conservator of Forests or Field Director as the case may be in cases of sale, succession, where succession shall be decided by court of law, subject to the approval of the Committee on Receiving the application form in Form -C.

6. Shifting.

(1) If the licensee desires to shift the Wood based industry from one place to another, within the territorial jurisdiction of the same Licensing Officer, then licensee shall apply in Form B, to such Licensing Officer stating reasons thereof. The Licensing Officer may permit the shifting of the Wood based industry and issue the licence in form B-1. If the request is refused, then the Licensing Officer shall record the reason for the refusal in writing.

(2) If the application is made to shift the unit outside the jurisdiction of the Licensing Officer, he shall forward the application along with all relevant papers and documents together with a report to the Licensing Officer in whose jurisdiction the unit is requested to be shifted. The Licensing Officer in whose jurisdiction the unit is proposed to be shifted shall deal with the matter in the same manner as mentioned under sub-rule (1) of this rule.

(3) The Licensing Officer shall permit the shifting of the unit only after the approval of the Committee.



7. Records to be maintained by wood based industries.

(i) Each wood based industry shall maintain and regularly update records as given in schedule to these guidelines.

8. Effect of declaration. - (1) In the event of declaration of any area as prohibited under Section 8 of the Act, any licensed wood based industry shall be allowed to operate in that area for six months from the date of such declaration provided that the said industry shall not receive any new wood/wood product for sawing/processing and shall process only such wood/wood products which had been received till the date of such declaration. Any such licensed wood based industry existing in such prohibited area shall be given preference as far as possible in granting licence in new area.

(2) No Wood Based Industry shall be allowed to operate in area declared as Eco sensitive zone.

(3) Subject to provisions made in sub section (2) and (3) of section 8 of the Act, no new Wood based industries shall be established or transferred within two kilometres of aerial distance from the boundary of the nearest notified forests, protected or reserve forests.

Provided that this rule shall not be applicable in cases of Wood based units already in operation with license under Bihar Saw Mills (Regulation) Act, 1990, subject to condition that the location of the Wood based industry is not changed.

9. Compounding of offence –

(1) The Licensing Officer shall be the empowered officer under Section 27 of the Act.

(2) The following amounts may be accepted / imposed by the empowered officer under clause (a) of sub-section (1) of Section 27,

(a) A sum of five thousand rupees which may extend upto ten thousand rupees, by way of compounding, and

(b) A sum of ten thousand rupees, by way of penalty.

(3) The release of any property seized as liable to confiscation may be ordered by the empowered officer, under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 27, on payment of a value amounting to ten thousand rupees which may extend upto One lakh rupees,

Provided that, the amount so realised should be commensurate with the value of seized property.

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10. An online system of Application for License, issue of License, renewal, return filing, and payment system shall be developed for ease of business with in three months, till then the offline system shall continue.

11. English version to prevail – In case of any difference between the English and Hindi versions of any of the provisions contained in these Rules, the English version shall prevail.

**By the order of the
Governor of Bihar**



FORM-A

[See Rule 4]

To,

The Licensing Officer,

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of
Applicant**Sub- Application for License / Certificate of Registration / Renewal of Licence of Wood Based Industry.**

1. Name of the Applicant (In Capital Letter) -
(Owner, Partner, Director, etc)

In case of company give names of
partners and of persons holding
power of Attorney

2. Father's Name (In Capital Letter) -
3. Licence No (In case of renewal)-
4. State level Serial No-
5. Pan Card No. (Copy enclosed) -
6. Aadhar Card No. (Copy enclosed) -
7. Postal Address -
8. Permanent Home Address -
9. Mobile No. -
10. Email ID -
11. Name and kind of the wood Based Industry -
(Saw Mill / Plywood / Veneer / MDF
Particle Board / Katha any other specify)
12. Location Address of the Wood Based Industry-
(a) Details of whether the land is self owned
or on rental.

(b) In case of rental the period of agreement.
- (Copy of agreement to be enclosed)
13. Location map and sketch map of the unit to be attached-

14. Sources of Timber -
(Indigenous/imported/both)
15. List of other enclosures -
 - (i) Commercial Tax Certificate,
 - (ii) CST, GST Registration.
 - (iii) Industries Department and
Factories Registration Certificate.
16. CTE/CTO by Pollution Control Board-
17. Details of application Fee -

Declaration :-

I / We hereby declare that I / We have read and understood all the provisions of the Bihar Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2025 and the Rules made there under and I / We are to abide by the same.

Signature of the applicant-

Name of applicant

Date:-

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FORM-A-1

[See Rule 5]

**License / Registration Certificate / Renewal of license for Establishment / Operation of
Wood Based Industry/ Transfer of licence**

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of
Applicant

1. Forest Division -
2. District -
3. Licence / Registration Certificate No. -
4. State Level serial No-
5. Validity Period / Date -
6. Name of License / Certificate Holder -
7. Postal Address of License / Certificate Holder -
8. Address of Location of the Wood Based Industry -
(along with geo graphic and geo location)
9. Name and kind of Wood Based Industry-
(Saw mill/Vineer/pasting unit/others specify)

The licensee / certificate holder shall abide by all the terms and conditions stipulated in the Bihar
Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2025 and Rules made therein.

Date-

Place-

Divisional Forest Officer
Cum licensing officer

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Form – B

[See Rule 7]

Application for location transfer of Wood Based industry

1. Name of the licensee and his/her father's/husbands name in full (In case of company give names of Partner and of Persons holding Power of Attorney).
2. Aadhaar Card Number of the licensee
3. PAN Number of the licensee
4. Full Address of the applicant.
5. Details of Present Location of Unit.
6. Details of Location where unit proposed to be transferred.
7. Details of geographic and geo location where the unit is proposed to be transferred. (Location map and sketch map of unit to be attached)
8. Reasons for the change of location.
9. Details of the unit.
 - a. License no. issued under Bihar Saw Mills (Regulation) Act, 1990 and Name of District where unit is established (copy of license to be enclosed).
 - b. State serial no-

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c. Period for which the license has been renewed last. (Copy of last renewed license to be enclosed).

d. Any other information.

10. Monthly capacity of the unit.

11. Source from where the wood is obtained.

12. Details of any other unit for which license has already been obtained and/or applied for.

13. Evidence of payment of application fee.

Declaration.

I / We..... hereby declare that I / We have read and understood all the provisions of The Bihar Wood Based Industries (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2025 and the rules made there under and I / We agree to abide by the same.

Signature of the applicant.

Name of applicant

Date-

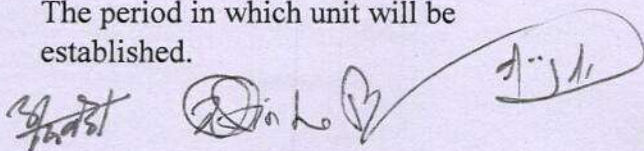
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Form-B-1

[See Rule 7]

The license for operating the unit at the transferred location

1. License No. (Old license no. with district / New license no.)
2. Name of the licensee and his/her father's/ husbands name in full (In case of company give names of partners and of persons holding power of attorney)
3. State Level Serial No
4. Full Address.
5. Details of Previous location/locations of unit with geo graphic and geo location.
6. Details of Present location of unit with geo graphic and geo location.
7. Legal status of the land/rental agreement and title of ownership of the land on which unit is established or proposed to be established.
8. Monthly capacity of the unit (approx.).
9. The period in which unit will be established.

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10. Period for which the license is being granted / renewed.

Place -

Signature of licensing officer.

Date -

Name-

Seal of the officer-

Note-1. The conditions under which license is being granted and the forms in which account shall be maintained has been given to the licensee and the same has been fully explained to him.

2. The signature of the licensee has been obtained as a token of this.

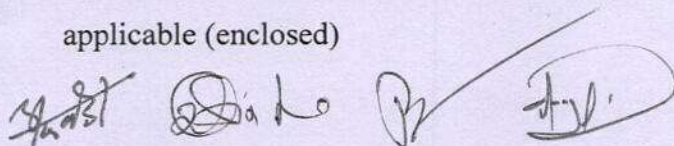
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Form – C

[See Rule 7]

Application for tranfer of license of Wood Based industry

1. Name of the licensee and his/her father's/husbands name in full (In case of company give names of Partner and of Persons holding Power of Attorney).
2. Licence no-
3. State Level serial no-
4. Name and Aadhaar Card Number of the licensee (Seller)
5. Period for which the license has been renewed last. (Copy of last renewed license to be enclosed).
6. Details of Present Location of Unit.
7. Name and Aadhaar Card Number of the purchaser / legal heir / successor (copy of the aadhar card to be enclosed)
8. Full Address of the purchaser / legal heir / successor
9. Date of purchase and year
10. Copy of the sale deed / will, if applicable (enclosed)

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11. Evidence of payment of application fee.
12. Any other information.

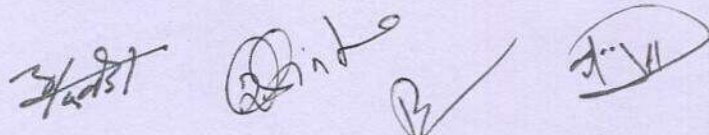
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Signature of the applicant.

Name of applicant

Date-



FORM-D

[See Rule- 10]

Name of the Forest Division.....

Details of Receipts and Disposal Statement of Wood Purchased. Period From..... To.....															
1. Name of Wood Based Industry															
2. Place of Wood Based Industry															
3. Date of Submission of Statement.															
4. License No.															
Opening Stock			Inwards (Receipt from Forest and Environment Department)									Other than Forest Department			
Species	C.mt.	Sawn C.mt.	Date	T.P. No.	Name of Depot	Species	Logs		Sawn C. mt.	Date	T.P. No. and other evidence	Name of Source	Species	Logs	
							No.	C.mt.						No.	C.mt.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

Sawn C.mt.	Species	Total Logs		Sales					Inter-State				Balance stock			Remarks
		No.	C.mt.	Sawn C.mt.	Local			Logs		Sawn C.mt.	Species	Logs		Sawn C.mt.		
					Species	No.	C.mt.	Sawn C.mt.	No.			C.mt.	No.		C.mt.	
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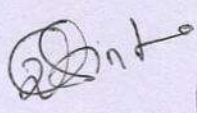

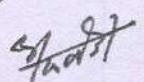
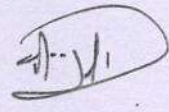
Notes - (1) This form will have to be filled date wise.

(2) At the end of the month, total will be given at the end

Signature of Owner/Partner

Name.....

Date.....

FORM-E

[See Rule- 10]

Name of the Forest Division.....

Account of Wood Received for Sawing / Processing only (Monthly Statement)

1. Name of Wood Based Industry
 2. Place of Wood Based Industry
 3. Period of Submission of Statement.
 4. License No.

No.	Date	Opening Balance			Sawn C.mt.	Received during the day					Sawn C.mt.	Species	Total	
		Species	Logs			Transit Pass No. Date	Name of the person & address	Species	Logs				Logs	
			No.	C.mt.					No.	C.mt.			No.	C.mt.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

Sawn C.mt.	Sawn during the day			Sawn C.mt.	Delivered to the owner				Balance			
	Species	Logos			Bill no. and date	Species	C.mt.	Species	Round		Sawn C.mt.	Remarks
		No.	C.mt.						No.	C.mt.		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Signature of Owner/Partner

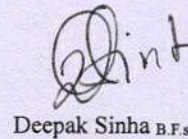
Name.....

Date.....



R.K. Sinha B.F.S.

Deputy Conservator of Forest

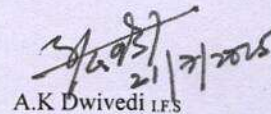


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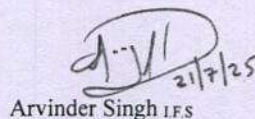
Gaurav Ojha I.F.S.

Divisional Forest Officer, Patna Forest Divisions



A.K. Dwivedi I.F.S.

Regional Chief Conservator of Forest



Arvinder Singh I.F.S.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Development)