

**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**Public Information**

**Obligations for the purchases, transfers or holds timber or firewood in accordance with the provisions of the Control of Trade Timber and Timber Products Law (N.139 (I) / 2013), but also of the Forest Law (N.25 ( I) / 2012)**

**Introduction**

The Guidelines are addressed to people who own and use firewood, exclusively for their own needs.

For those who market timber and timber products including firewood issued separate instructions, which may be obtained from the Forestry Department website at <http://www.moa.gov.cy/forest>

On 29 November 2013, entered into force on the Control of Trade Timber and Timber Products Law (N.139 (I) / 2013), in which the Republic of Cyprus is harmonized with EU Regulations Nos. 995/2010, 363/2012 and 607/2012. Competent Authority for the implementation is the Forestry Department. This Law defines the obligations of Timber Merchants and Timber Products, Merchants of firewood, but also every citizen possessed and used firewood

**Obligations of natural and legal persons who own or use firewood.**

**A. Supply of firewood.**

- Purchase firewood only from a legitimate dealer of Fuelwood. According to Law 139 (I) / 2013, a licensed trader of firewood should always carry an Annual Fuelwood Trading License issued by the Department for buying and selling firewood. A copy of this license must be posted in a prominent place in the store or sale of firewood. Also, any advertisement for the sale of firewood, must necessarily be marked "Licensee Merchant Fuelwood" with explicit reference to the reference number kept by the Forestry Department and which are recorded in the Annual Marketing Authorisation Fuelwood.
- To seek and procure payment receipt or invoice and also in case of purchasing and transporting firewood with his private vehicle, Transmission Release issued by a dealer firewood (Form TD 224a).

**B. Supply directly by the state forest and other land (outside state forests) in the Republic.**

- Ensure Logging permit where required by the Forestry Department (Form TD201).

Based on the Forest Law of 2012 (N.25 (I) / 2012) (Article 22) and regulations must ensure permission before felling trees or shrubs that are in State Forest Land and License Logging, Eradication, or pruning all tree and shrub species (Article 23), when on land outside the National Forest land.

- Ensure Transmission License or Transfer Sheet for any transport firewood.

1. Transfer Authorization (Form TD 203) issued by the Forestry Department under Law 25 (I) / 2012 and the Forest Regulations.

With the Transfer License, issued by the Director of Forestry Department or Authorized Representative, can be transported timber or firewood tree species and shrubs that require logging license based on the Forest Law, N.25 (I) / 2012 .

With the License Transfer can also be transported and mixed firewood, ie derived from species of trees and shrubs listed in appendix I of the Forest Law (N.25 (I) / 2012) and of tree species (fruit) and shrubs They do not require harvesting license, provided that the holder of firewood can prove that they came from the land belongs.

2. Transfer Sheet (Form TD 224b) issued by the President Community Council under Law 139 (I) / 2013

With the Transmission Report issued by the President of the Community Council can be transported firewood orchard ONLY (for which you do not need logging permit), which felled the boundaries of the Community and transported beyond the specific Community limits.

**C. Compliance with the necessary data / certificates to prove the legality of firewood possessed and used.**

- Maintain the necessary data / certificates (License Logging, Transport License, Transmission Report, purchase receipt or invoice as appropriate), as long as holding the firewood to prove their legitimacy.
- Present data / these certificates on the request of the Inspector of Timber and Timber Products.

**D. Offences and Penalties provided for by Law 139 (I) / 2013.**

A/A	Offences	Article	Maximum Penalty	
			Financial	Imprisonment
1	Person holding firewood and does not keep the necessary evidence that legally owns.	17(1)(β)	€1.000	-----
2	Person unhelpful Inspector Timber and Timber Products of checks or fails to comply with his instructions.	17(1)(γ)	€1.000	-----
3	Person carrying firewood without license or the Transmission Transfer Sheet	17(2)(β)	€5.000 or	one (1) year
			or both penalties	
4	Person carrying firewood with Transport Bulletin issued irregularly or falsified data	17(2)(β)	€5.000 or	one (1) year
			or both penalties	

If in addition to the above offenses arising and offenses under the provisions of the Forest Law of 2012 (N.25 (I) / 2012) and Regulations, then the penalties applied envisaged in this.

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