DRAFT WOODFUEL REGULATIONS FOR GHANA

TRANSFORMING THE WOODFUEL VALUE CHAIN IN GHANA

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The RE Act, 2011, (Act 832) places mandate and functions on EC:

**Mandate**
- regulate and manage the development and utilization of energy resources in Ghana;
- provide the legal, regulatory and supervisory framework for all providers of energy in the country;

**Function**
- To serve as the Government's energy policy adviser by making national energy policy recommendations to the Minister of Energy.
- To formulate national policies for the development and utilization of indigenous energy resources, in particular, renewable energy: solar, wind and biomass;
- Prepare, review and update periodically indicative national plans to ensure that all reasonable demands for energy are met;
- To prescribe by legislative instruments standards of performance and technical and operational rules of practice for the supply, distribution, sale of electricity and natural gas to consumers by public utilities;
Section 8 of the RE ACT

8. (1) A person shall not engage in a *commercial activity* in the renewable energy industry without a license granted under this Act.

(2) For the purpose of this Act, commercial activities in the renewable energy industry are:
   - (a) Production
   - (b) Transportation
   - (c) Storage,
   - (d) distribution, sale and marketing
   - (e) Importation
   - (f) Exportation and re-exportation and
   - (g) Installation and maintenance

(3) The Commission may by legislative instrument limit or expand the scope of activities under sub-section (2) above

(4) A person who engages in a *commercial activity* in the renewable energy industry without a license issued by the Commission as provided under this Act, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Two Thousand penalty units or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years or to both.
EXCEPTS OF THE REGULATIONS (1)

Purpose of the Woodfuel Regulations is to provide for:

1. The enforcement of *sustainable management of biomass* resources used as fuel for domestic, commercial and industrial cooking and heating;

2. Sustainable and traceable *production of firewood and charcoal feedstock* (woodlots/plantations)

3. Sustainable *technology prescriptions for processing of fuel wood* into other secondary energy carriers in accordance with national standards on wood carbonization technologies;

4. Safe, effective handling and packaging of woodfuel products;

5. Safe transportation, sales and marketing of woodfuel and their derivatives;
Application of Regulations

Apply to all *commercial activities* that involve the:

i. Cultivation of woodlots/plantation establishment

ii. Sourcing/harvesting of feedstock for woodfuel production;

iii. Transformation of woodfuel resources into processed forms;

iii. Packaging of woodfuel and woodfuel products;

iv. Transportation of woodfuel products; and

v. Sale and marketing of woodfuel products
EXCEPTS OF THE REGULATIONS (3)

Activities that require grant of licence:

A person shall not engage in a *commercial activity* that involves the *cultivation, harvesting, transformation, packaging and warehousing, transportation*, distribution or sale of any form of woodfuel without a license obtained under these Regulations.
EXCEPTS OF THE REGULATIONS (4)

Commercial activities that require compliance with Regulations:

1. Cultivation of woodfuel feedstock - FC Regulations
2. Extraction/sourcing of feedstock from *forest reserves, off-reserves* and *public Lands* - FC Regulations
3. Extraction/Sourcing of feedstock from *private lands* - FC Regulations
4. Processing/transformation of wood into secondary carriers - EC Regulations
5. Operating a Bulk supply facility - EC Regulations
6. Commercial/Bulk transportation of woodfuel - EC Permit and Road Traffic Regulations 2012, (L.I. 2180)
7. Operating charcoal export business - EC Regulation
8. Bulk Sale and Marketing of woodfuel products - EC Regulation
EXCEPTS OF THE REGULATIONS (4)

Collaboration with relevant institutions and Agencies:

Identified relevant institutions and agencies include:

a) Forestry Commission;
b) Environmental Protection Agency;
c) Regional Development Authorities;
d) Ministry responsible for Local Government and Rural Development;
e) Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies;
f) Lands Commission;
g) Chiefs and Traditional Authorities;
h) Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority;
i) Ministry of National Security;
j) Ghana Police Service.
k) Ghana Standards Authority
l) Any other institution
EXCEPTS OF THE REGULATIONS (4)

Other key areas of interest in the Regulations:

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