

**PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF FORESTS**

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I, Jim Doyle, Minister of Forests, order that the Deposit and Rates for Christmas Tree Permits Regulation, B.C. Reg. 102/84 is repealed, and sections 6 and 7 of the attached Christmas Tree Regulation are enacted.

Date

May 1 / 2000

Minister of Forests

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Forest Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 157, sections 50 (1) (b) and (2)

Other (specify):

CHRISTMAS TREE REGULATION

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Application for Christmas tree permit

- 1 An application for a Christmas tree permit must be made to the district manager or regional manager in the form required by the regional manager.

Eligibility

- 2 A Christmas tree permit may only be entered into with an applicant who is
 - (a) a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, 19 years of age or older,
 - (b) a band as defined in the *Indian Act* (Canada), or
 - (c) a corporation that is controlled by persons who meet the requirements of paragraph (a).

Issuance of Christmas tree permit

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 - (1) The regional manager, district manager or a forest officer authorized by either of them, is not required to solicit applications before entering into or replacing a Christmas tree permit.
 - (2) A Christmas tree permit may be entered into or replaced for a term of up to 10 years.
 - (3) A holder of a Christmas tree permit may apply, after the 4th anniversary of the permit, to the regional manager, district manager or a forest officer authorized by either of them, for the replacement of the permit.

Higher social or economic use of land

- 4 The regional manager or district manager may cancel a Christmas tree permit or delete a portion of the land from the permit, upon written notice, if the regional manager or district manager is of the opinion that a greater contribution to the social and economic welfare of the Province would result if the land were used for a purpose other than the growing of Christmas trees.

Fee

- 5 On entering into a Christmas tree permit, an applicant must pay a fee of \$50, but the fee is not payable on the replacement of a Christmas tree permit.

Deposit

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 - (1) On entering into a Christmas tree permit or replacement, the applicant for the permit or replacement must pay a deposit to the government, in the amount

specified in the permit, in cash, or by certified cheque or other security acceptable to the minister, if the permit or replacement involves

- (a) an improvement, or
 - (b) land on which is situated personal property owned by a person other than the applicant or the Crown.
- (2) The holder of a Christmas tree permit must maintain the deposit referred to in subsection (1).

Rates

- 7 A holder of a Christmas tree permit must pay to the Crown the following rates for trees cut under the permit:
- (a) tree length less than 3 m, 20¢ per tree;
 - (b) tree length 3 m to 5 m, \$1 per tree;
 - (c) tree length more than 5 m, \$1.50 per tree.