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Sub:-Industries Department – Easing Sand Imports from other States and Countries
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- 1 Government of Kerala wishes to encourage the import of sand from other countries as well as from other States in India for construction purposes to augment availability in the State, this is provided for in Rule 107 of Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015.
- 2 In the case of sand imports from other countries, it is noted that Government of India permits import of sand under Directorate General of Foreign Trade's Notification No.97 dated 07.11.2014 provided it is cleared by Plant Quarantine authorities under the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003.
- 3 Cochin Port is a designated port under clause 3 (14) (ii) of the PQ Order, 2003 for sand imports, and consignments can be cleared by the Plant Quarantine Station, Cochin Port. The procedure is detailed in Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Third Amendment) Order, 2014.
- 4 The importer of sand should provide a certificate that the imported sand is free of any metal and is free of phyto -sanitary issues from the country from where the sand is sourced.
- 5 The sand should be of IS 383 or IS 2116 quality standards.
- 6 A person may sell sand in Kerala only after taking a Registration for the Sales Depot, and a Dealer's Licence. Each consignment shall be accompanied by a Mineral Transit Pass, as per the Kerala Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Storage and Transportation) Rules, 2015.
- 7 Registration is for a period of 5 years; application in Form A along with a fee of Rs.1000/- is to be submitted to the District Geologist (www.dmg.kerala.gov.in).
- 8 For Dealer's license, which has a validity of one year, application in Form E along with application fee of Rs.500 is to be submitted to the District Geologist. Documents to be submitted along with the application are ID proof of applicant, possession and enjoyment certificate and the location map of the land where the depot is functioning duly issued by the Village Officer concerned.

- 9 In case the sand is imported from other countries through Cochin Port, then the following documents are to be produced: 1) Bill of Entry, 2) Outside the wharf storage area allotment or inside the wharf storage area allotment, as the case may be, 3) Agreement with clearing/ handling agent, 4) Proof of payment of Customs Duty. If the sand is stocked in the port area, then possession and enjoyment certificate and location map need not be produced.
- 10 The Dealer's Licence fee of Rs.4/- per tonne of sand stocked shall be remitted in advance. If application and required documents are proper, the Registration and Dealer's Licence will be issued within 3 days.
- 11 Movement Permit and Mineral Transit Passes (manual/ electronic) will be issued by the District Geologist for the transport of sand.
- 12 In case of sand brought from other States by road or sea, mineral transit pass issued by competent authority of the respective State is to be produced to prove that the sand is procured from legitimate source.
- 13 All Departments are directed to take note of the above circular and to facilitate legally valid import of sand.

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Forwarded/ By order



Section Officer

The Director, Mining & Geology, Thiruvananthapuram.
All District Collectors
All District Police Chiefs
The Chairman, Cochin Port Trust, Willingdon Island, Cochin.
The Collector of Customs, Custom House, Willingdon Island, Cochin.
The Plant Quarantine Station, Cochin Port, Willingdon Island, Cochin.