

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION REGULATIONS, 1971 (LI 685).

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SCHEDULES

IN exercise of the powers conferred on the President by sections 3 and 11 of the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43), these Regulations are hereby made this 4th day of March, 1971.

PART I—RESTRICTIONS ON HUNTING, ETC.

Regulation 1—Animals Wholly Protected.

No person shall at any time hunt, capture or destroy any of the species mentioned in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

Regulation 2—Animal Partly Protected.

No person shall at any time hunt, capture or destroy—

(a) young animals; or

(b) animals accompanied by their young,

of any of the species mentioned in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

Regulation 3—Animals Protected in Close Season.

No person shall between the 1st day of August and the 1st day of December in any year hunt, capture or destroy any of the species mentioned in the Second and Third Schedules to these Regulations.

Regulation 4—Prohibited Methods of Hunting.

(1) No person shall manufacture, use or be in possession of any gin trap which may be used for the purpose of hunting, capturing or destroying any animal.

(2) No person shall hunt, capture or destroy any wild animal by using any artificial light or flare.

(3) No person shall hunt, capture or destroy any wild animal by using nets (except in the case of fish or poisonous snakes), unless authorised in writing to do so by the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer.

(4) No person shall hunt, capture or destroy any wild animal by using pitfalls, snares effective only in conjunction with pitfalls, poison or poisoned weapons.

Regulation 5—Offences.

Any person who contravenes any provision of regulations 1 to 4 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred new cedis or to imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both.

PART II—GAME LICENCES

Regulation 6—Prohibition of Hunting without Licence.

(1) No person shall hunt, capture or destroy—

(a) any adult animal of the species mentioned in the Second Schedule to these Regulations when unaccompanied by its young; or

(b) any of the species mentioned in the Second and Third Schedules to these Regulations outside the close season referred to in regulation 3,

unless he is the holder of a valid licence to do so (hereinafter called “a game licence”) granted by the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer in accordance with this Part of these Regulations.

(2) Any person who contravenes this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred new cedis or to imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both.

Regulation 7—Application for Game Licence.

(1) Application for a game licence shall be made in writing to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer accompanied by a fee of five new cedis and by the particulars specified in the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations.

(2) The Chief Game and Wildlife Officer shall not grant a game licence to hunt, capture or destroy any of the aforesaid animals with firearms unless the applicant satisfies him that he is lawfully in possession of a licence granted under regulation 59 or 60 of the Arms and Ammunition Regulations, 1962 (L.I. 200), authorising him to use a firearm for the period during which he requires a hunting licence under these Regulations.

Regulation 8—Form and Validity of Game Licence.

(1) A game licence shall be in the form specified in the Fifth Schedule to these Regulations and shall—

(a) be valid for a period of six months from the date of the grant of the licence; and

(b) authorise the hunting, capturing or destroying only of the species listed in the licence and in numbers not in excess of the numbers specified in the licence;

(c) authorise the hunting, capturing or destroying permitted by the licence to be carried out only by the means specified in the licence.

(2) A game licence may be issued subject to such special conditions and restrictions as the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer may in his discretion think fit to impose, and such conditions or restrictions shall be endorsed on the licence.

(3) A game licence shall not be transferable and shall not authorise a person to hunt, capture or destroy any animal in contravention of these Regulations.

Regulation 9—Discretion to Grant Licence.

(1) The grant of a game licence under these Regulations shall be in the discretion of the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer, and he may refuse to grant such licence:—

(a) where in his opinion the grant of the licence would be undesirable having regard to the conservation of the species concerned; or

(b) where the applicant has been convicted of any offence under these Regulations; or

(c) where he is not satisfied of the competence of the applicant to use a firearm for hunting, or to recognise the species in respect of which the licence is applied for.

(2) Where for any reason the grant of a licence is refused, the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer shall return the fee submitted by the applicant.

PART III—GAME AND TROPHY EXPORT PERMITS

Regulation 10—Application of Part III.

The provisions of this Part shall be in addition to the provisions of any other law relating to exportation from Ghana.

Regulation 11—Prohibition of Exporting without Permit.

(1) No person shall export or attempt to export from Ghana—

(a) any animal (whether living or dead) of any of the species mentioned in the First, Second or Third Schedules to these Regulations; or

(b) any elephant's tusk; or

(c) any hides or skins in commercial quantities, of any of the species mentioned in the First, Second or Third Schedules to these Regulations,

unless he is the holder of a valid permit to do so (hereinafter called “a game and trophy export permit”) granted by the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer in accordance with this Part of these Regulations.

(2) Any person who contravenes this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred new cedis.

Regulation 12—Application for Game and Trophy Export Permit.

Application for a game and trophy export permit shall be made in writing to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer accompanied by a fee of three new cedis and by the particulars specified in the Sixth Schedule to these Regulations.

Regulation 13—Form and Validity of Permit.

(1) A game and trophy export permit shall be in the form specified in the Seventh Schedule to these Regulations and shall—

(a) be valid for a period of twelve months from the date of the grant of the licence; and

(b) only authorise the export of items of the nature and not in excess of the quantities specified in the permit;

(c) only authorise the export of the items to which the permit relates in a single consignment;

(d) only authorise the export of the items to which the permit relates by the means and from the place specified in the permit.

(2) A game and trophy export permit may be issued subject to such special conditions and restrictions as the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer may in his discretion think fit to impose, and such conditions or restrictions shall be endorsed on the permit.

(3) Where the holder of a game and trophy export permit contravenes any special condition or restriction endorsed on the permit, the permit shall from the time of such contravention be void for all purposes.

(4) A game and trophy export permit shall not be transferable and shall not authorise the export of the items to which it relates in more than one consignment.

Regulation 14—Discretion to Grant Permit.

(1) The grant of a game and trophy export permit shall be in the discretion of the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer, and he may refuse to grant such permit;—

(a) where in his opinion the grant of the permit would be undesirable having regard to the conservation of the species concerned; or

(b) where he is not satisfied that any item to which the permit relates has been lawfully acquired.

(2) Where for any reason the grant of a game and trophy export permit is refused, the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer shall return the fee submitted by the applicant.

PART IV—GENERAL

Regulation 15—Forfeiture of Illegal Equipment and Apparatus.

(1) A Game Officer may seize any equipment or apparatus which is in the possession or custody of any person in contravention of any provision of these Regulations.

(2) Any equipment or apparatus so seized shall be retained by the Game Officer and—

(a) if no proceedings are commenced against the person from whom such equipment or apparatus was seized within three months of the seizure the said equipment or apparatus shall be restored to that person; or

(b) if that person is convicted of an offence under these Regulations, the said equipment or apparatus shall be forfeited by the Court before which he was convicted.

(3) Equipment or apparatus forfeited by the Court under paragraph (2) (b) of this regulation shall be delivered as soon as practicable—

(a) to the police, in the case of a firearm; or

(b) to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer in any other case.

(4) Where a Game Officer finds any equipment or apparatus whose use is unlawful by virtue of these Regulations and the owner of such equipment or apparatus is not apparent, the Game Officer shall take possession of that equipment or apparatus and deliver it as soon as practicable to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer.

(5) Equipment or apparatus taken possession of by the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer under paragraph (3) or (4) of this regulation may be disposed of in such manner as the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer thinks fit.

Regulation 16—Exemption for Game Officers.

Regulations 1 and 6 shall not apply in the case of a Game Officer acting in accordance with his official duties.

Regulation 17—Killing in Defence of Person.

Nothing in these Regulations shall be construed as preventing any person from killing any wild animal in defence of himself or of any other person, but in such a case the first-mentioned person shall where he kills an animal referred to in the First to Fourth Schedules to these Regulations, forthwith report the matter to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer.

Regulation 18—Amendment of Schedules to the Act.

The First to Fifth Schedules to the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43) are hereby amended in the manner indicated in the Eighth Schedule to these Regulations.

Regulation 19—Revocations.

The following statutory instruments are hereby revoked:—

Wild Animals Preservation (Close Season and Restrictions on Hunting) Regulations, 1962 (L.I. 212).

Wild Animals Preservation (Hunting Licences) Regulations, 1962 (L.I. 213).

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

ANIMALS COMPLETELY PROTECTED

The hunting, capturing or destroying of any species listed in this Schedule is absolutely prohibited at all times.

SERIES A—MAMMALS SCIENTIFIC NAME

(i) Primata:

- (a) Chimpanzee
- (b) Black and white colobus
- (c) Olive colobus
- (c) Red colobus
- (d) Diana monkey
- (e) Bosman's potto
- (g) Bush baby

(ii) Pholidota:

- (a) Giant pangolin
- (b) Long tailed pangolin
- (d) Tree pangolin

(iii) Tubulidentata:

- (a) Aardvark

(iv) Sirenia:

- (a) Manatee

(v) Carnivora:

- (a) Lion
- (b) Leopard
- (c) Cheetah
- (d) Ratel or Honey Badger
- (e) Clawless otter
- (j) Golden cat

(vi) Proboscidea:

- (a) Elephant

(vii) Rodentia:

- (a) Palm squirrel.. .. .

(viii) Artiodactyla:

- (a) Hippopotamus
- (b) Pygmy hippopotamus
- (c) Senegal hartebeest
- (d) Sitatunga
- (e) Eland
- (f) Water chevrotain
- (g) Bongo
- (h) Roan antelope

SERIES B—REPTILES

(i) Crocodilia:

- (a) Nile crocodile
- (b) Long-snouted crocodile
- (c) Broad-fronted crocodile

(ii) Lacertilia:

- (a) Nile monitor
- (b) Bosc's monitor

(iii) Chelonia:

All marine turtles:—

- (a) Hawksbill turtle
- (b) Green or Edible turtle
- (c) Leathery turtle

SERIES C—BIRDS

(i) All Birds of Prey, including:—

- (a) Falcons, kites, hawks, eagles, buzzards, kestrels, etc.
- (b) Owls

(ii) Egrets:

- (a) Great white egret
- (b) Little egret

(c) Cattle egret

(iii) Sagittariidae:

(a) Secretary bird

(iv) Ciconiidae (Storks):

(a) Marabou

(b) Jabiru or saddle-bill

(c) Sacred ibis

(d) Hadada

(e) Spotted breasted ibis

(f) Goliath heron

(v) Balearicidae (Cranes):

(a) Crowned crane

(vi) Phasianidae: (Game birds)

(a) White-breasted Guinea

Fowl

(vii) Picathartidae:

(a) Bare-headed rock fowl ..

Pan troglodytes

Colobus polykomos

Colobus verus

Colobus badius

Cercopithecus diana

Perodicticus potto

Galago senegalensis

Galagoides demidovi

Manis gigantea

Manis longicaudata

Manis tricuspis

Crycteropus afer

Trichechus senegalensis

Panthera leo

Panthera pardus

Acinonyx jubatus

Mellivora capensis

Aonyx capensis

Felis aurata

Loxodonta africana

Epixerus ebii

Hippopotamus amphibious

Choeropsis liberiensis

Damaliscus lunatus

Tragelephas spekei

Taurotragus derbianus

Hyamoschus aquaticus

Boocercus enryceros

Hippotragus equinus

Crocodilus niloticus

Crocodilus cataphractus

Osteolaemus tetraspis

Veranus niloticus

Veranus exanthematicus

Eretmochelys imbricata

Chelonia mydas

Dermochelys coriacea

Falconidae

Tytonidae and Strigidae

Casmerodius albus

Egretta gazetta

Bubulcus ibis

Sagittarius serpentarius

Leptoptilos crumeniferus

Ephippiorynchus senegalensis

Threskiornis aethiopicus

Hagedashia hagedash

Lampribus rara

Typhon goliath

Balearica pavonina

Agelastes meleagrides

Picathartes gymnocephalus.

SECOND SCHEDULE

The hunting, capturing or destroying of any species listed in this Schedule is absolutely prohibited between 1st August and 1st December in any year. The hunting, capturing or destroying of any young animal, or adult accompanied by its young, of any species listed in this Schedule is absolutely prohibited at all times.

SERIES A—MAMMALS SCIENTIFIC NAME

(i) Primata:

- (a) White-collared mangabey.
- (b) Mona Monkey
- (c) Spot-nosed Monkey
- (d) Green Monkey
- (e) Patas Monkey

(ii) Carnivora:

- (a) Lynx
- (b) Serval
- (c) African civet
- (d) Two-spotted palm civet
- (e) Forest genet
- (f) Bush genet
- (g) Wild cat
- (h) Gambian Mongoose
- (i) Cusimanse (long-nosed Mongoose) ..
- (j) Dwarf mongoose
- (k) Marsh mongoose
- (l) White-tailed mongoose
- (m) Egyptian mongoose
- (n) Spotted hyena

(o) Hunting dog

(p) Side-striped jackal

(iii) Lagomorpha:

(a) Togo hare

(iv) Rodentia:

(a) Crested porcupine

(b) Brush-tailed porcupine

(c) Pel's flying squirrel

(d) Flying squirrels

(e) Pygmy flying squirrel

(v) Hyracoidea:

(a) Tree bear

(b) Rock hyrax

(vii) Artiodactyla:

(a) Warthog

(b) Red river hog (Bush pig)

(c) Giant Forest hog

(d) Bushbuck

(e) Buffalo

(f) Reedbuck

(g) Western hartebeest.. .. .

(h) Waterbuck

(i) Kob

(j) Oribi

(k) Royal antelope

- (l) Red-fronted gazelle
- (m) Yellow-backed duiker
- (n) Black duiker
- (o) Bay duiker
- (p) Red-flanked duiker
- (q) Red duiker
- (r) Maxwell's duiker
- (s) Gray duiker

SERIES B—REPTILES

(i) Ophidia:

- (a) African python
- (b) Royal python

(ii) Chelonia:

- (a) Bell's hinged tortoise
- (b) Common hinged tortoise
- (c) Gaboon terrapin
- (d) Marsh terrapin
- (e) Soft-shelled turtle

Cercocebus torquatus

Cercopithecus mona

Cercopithecus petaurista

Cercopithecus aethiops

Erythrocebus patas

Felis caracal

Felis serval

Viverra civetta

Nandinia binotata

Genetta maculata

Genetta tigrina

Felis libyca

Mungos gambianus

Mungos obscurus

Herpestes sanguinus

Atilax paludinosus

Ichneumia albicauda

Herpestes ichneumon

Crocuta crocuta

Lycaon pietus

Canis adustus

Lepus capensis

Hystrix sp.

Atherurus africanus

Animalurus peli

Animalurus spp.

Idiurus spp.

Dendrohyrax arboreus

Procavia capensis.

Phacochoerus aethiopicus

Potamochoerus porcus

Hylochoerus meinertzhageni.

Tragelaphus scriptus

Syncerus caffer

Redunca redunca

Alcelaphus bucelaphus

Kobus defassa

Kobus kob

Ourebia ourebi

Neotragus pygmaeus

Gazella rufifrons

Cephalophus sylvicultor

Cephalophus niger

Cephalophus dorsalis

Cephalophus rufitatus

Cephalophus natalensis

Cephalophus maxwelli

Sylvicapra grimmia.

Python sebae

Python regia

Kinixys belliana

Kinixys sp.

Pelusios sp.

Polemedusa subrufa

Trionyx triunguis.

SERIES C—BIRDS

(i) Psittacidae:

All parrots

(ii) Columbidae:

All doves and pigeons

(iii) Musophagidae:

All touracos and plantain eaters.

(iv) Ploceidae:

All weavers, waxbills, mannikins,
bishop birds, firefinches, cordonsbleus,
whydahs, canaries.

(v) Sterninae:

All terns.

THIRD SCHEDULE

The hunting, capturing or destroying of any species listed in this Schedule is absolutely prohibited between 1st August and 1st December in any year.

SERIES A—MAMMALS SCIENTIFIC NAME

(i) Primata:

(a) Baboon

(ii) Erinaceidae:

(a) Hedgehogs

(iii) Rodentia:

(a) Tree squirrels

(b) Ground squirrels

(c) Giant rat (Pouched rat)

Papio anubis

Atelerix sp.

Erinaceus sp.

Paraechinus sp.

Heliosciurus sp.

Funisciurus sp.

Protoxerus stangeri

Aethosciurus sp.

Xerus sp.

Cricetomys gambianus

SERIES B—BIRDS SCIENTIFIC NAME

(i) Phasianidae:

(a) All Francolins (bush fowl).

(b) Stone-partridge (Stone-bantam)

(c) Quails

(d) All Guinea-fowls

(ii) Otididae:

(a) All Bustards

(iii) Anatidae:

(a) Hartlaub's duck

(b) White faced duck (Wishiwishi).

(c) Fulvous duck

(d) Pygmy goose

(e) Knob-billed goose

(f) Egyptian goose

(g) Spur-winged goose

Francolinus sp.

Ptilopachus petrosus

Coturnix sp.

Numida meleagris

Guttera sp.

Ardeotis arabs

Neotis denhami

Eupodotis senegalensis

Lissotis melanogaster

Pteronetta hartlaubii

Dendrocygna viduata

Dendrocygna fulva

Nettapus auritus

Sarkidiornis melanotos

Alopochen aegyptiacus

Plectropeterus gambensis

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Particulars to be submitted in writing to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer by applicants for a game licence. To be accompanied by a fee of N C 5.00.

APPLICATION FOR GAME LICENCE TO HUNT, CAPTURE OR DESTROY WILD ANIMALS

I,.....

(Name)

of (Address) hereby apply to be granted a Game Licence under Part II of the Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1971.

(a) Purpose of application (e.g., sport, sale of bushmeat, trade in live animals, etc.)

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(b) Particulars of current Licence to bear Firearms (to be completed by applicants intending to use firearms as a means of hunting or destroying).

(i) Licence No.....

(ii) Date issued.....

(iii) Type of Firearm

(c) Proposed Method of hunting or capture (to be completed by applicants intending to use any means of hunting or capture other than (b) above).

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(d) Species which the applicant wishes to hunt, capture, or destroy:

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(e) Previous conviction(s):

I have been convicted of the following offences under the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43).....

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*Restriction.—Here state any special restrictions, e.g. in relation to females and young, or close season.

Authorized means of hunting/capturing/destroying (delete inapplicable words)

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Special
conditions.....
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Date of issue
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Place of
issue.....

Game Officer.....

Rank

for Chief Game and Wildlife Officer

Note.—See overleaf for important information.

On the reverse side of the licence there shall be written the following:

1. This licence is valid for six months from the date of issue.
2. This licence is not transferable.

3. Close season—1st August to 1st December.

4. Your attention is drawn to the Wild Animals Preservation (Game Reserves) Regulations, 1962 (L.I. 171) and the Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1971 (L.I. 685) and the Schedules thereto. Copies of these Regulations and Schedules may be inspected at the office of issue of this licence, and may be purchased at that office.

SIXTH SCHEDULE

Particulars to be submitted in writing to the Chief Game and Wildlife Officer by applicants for a game and trophy export permit. To be accompanied by a fee of N₦3.00.

APPLICATION FOR A GAME AND TROPHY

EXPORT PERMIT

Name of applicant

(In the case of a company, give details of registration)

Address

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I,, hereby apply for a permit to export the following species and/or trophies in one consignment:

Description	Number of Items
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Place of export (airport, port, etc.)

State whether the above-named species and/or trophies are for personal use or for sale

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Name and address of
consignee.....

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State how the above-named species and/or trophies were acquired:

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I declare that the above particulars are correct.

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Signature (or L.T.P.)

Date.....

SEVENTH SCHEDULE

GAME AND TROPHY EXPORT PERMIT

Fee—Three New Cedis

In pursuance of the Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1971 (L.I. 685), I hereby permit (Name)
..... of (Address) to export from
(place of export—port, airport, etc.) the following species and/or trophies,
subject to compliance with the provisions of any other law relating to exportation from Ghana:—

Description Number of Items

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in a single consignment to—

(Name and address of
consignee).....

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Special conditions and restrictions.....
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Date of issue.....

Place of issue.....

Game Officer.....

Rank.....

for Chief Game and Wildlife Officer

NOTE.—See overleaf for important information.

On the reverse side of the Permit there shall be written the following:—

1. This Permit is valid for twelve months from the date of issue.
2. This Permit is not transferable.

3. Possession of this Permit does not exempt the holder from compliance with other laws relating to the export of animals and trophies, i.e. the holder must also obtain the appropriate Export Licence from the Ministry of Trade, and, where necessary, a Health Certificate from a Veterinary Officer.

4. Your attention is drawn to the Wildlife Conservation Regulations, 1971 (L.I. 685), copies of which may be examined at the office of issue of this Permit, or which may be purchased at that office.

EIGHTH SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULES TO THE ACT

1. The First Schedule to the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43) is hereby amended as follows:—

(a) by the removal of the names of all the animals listed in the said Schedule; and

(b) by the addition to the said Schedule of the names of all the animals listed in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

2. The Second Schedule to the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43) is hereby amended as follows:—

(a) by the removal of the names of all the animals listed in the said Schedule; and

(b) by the addition to the said Schedule of the names of all the animals listed in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

3. The Third Schedule to the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43) is hereby amended as follows:—

(a) by the removal of the names of all the animals listed in the said Schedule; and

(b) by the addition to the said Schedule of the names of all the animals listed in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

4. The Fourth Schedule to the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43) is hereby amended as follows:—

(a) by the removal of the names of all the animals listed in the said Schedule; and

(b) by the addition to the said Schedule of the names of all the animals listed in the Third Schedule to these Regulations.

5. The Fifth Schedule to the Wild Animals Preservation Act, 1961 (Act 43) is hereby

amended as follows:—

(a) by the removal of the names of all the animals listed as items 1 to 7 in the said Schedule;

(b) by the addition to the said Schedule of the following new item:—

"1. Rodents and poisonous snakes not specified in the First to Fourth Schedules to this Act."; and

(c) by the consequential renumbering of item 8 in the said Schedule as item 2.

By command of the President.

T. D. BRODIE-MENDS

Minister Responsible for Lands and Mineral Resources

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