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Office of the Commissioner,
Commercial Taxes,
Thiruvananthapuram.
Date. 19.06..08

CIRCULAR.28/08

Sub:- Fixing minimum Value for imported consignments of timber- Instructions issued-Reg:

Ref – (1) Circular No.41/06 dated.20-11-06
(2)Lr.No.DCI(T)A-1261/08 Dt. 2-6-08

As per the circular read above certain values were fixed for imported timber varieties of pin coda, teak and Purple Heart for the purposes of advance tax/entry tax. Now reports received from field and the trade reveals a different market scenario, in terms of prices. Values fixed for the purpose of advance tax should reflect the market; failing which, leakage of revenue would occur and the very purpose of collecting advance tax will be defeated. The billing patterns of certain dealers disclose, that even at this point of time, they declare only the values fixed in the circular read above on their sales, even though the market is far ahead in terms of prices. Moreover newer varieties of timber are being imported, for which no floor rate for the purpose of Advance Tax has been fixed by the department. Hence, in the interests of revenue, it is felt that the values need to be revised.

In the circumstances in modification of the circular referred above, prices for the various imported varieties of timber are fixed/ refixed as under;

| Type | Floor-rate (per cu/ft) in Rs. |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Teak | 1800 |
| Pin coda | 800 |
| Purple heart(violet) | 750 |
| Green heart | 750 |
| Mora/Cibida/Kabukali | 400 |
| Paduk | 900 |
| Kussia | 750 |
| Sal | 750 |
| Beachwood/Ashwood | 800 |

All concerned are directed to note the above values for the levy of advance tax.

COMMISSIONER