Government of Jammu and Kashmir Office of the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests Jammu and Kashmir.

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Whereas Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India has requested all the State / UTs to operationalize National Transit Pass System (NTPS) developed by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change which would generate Pan India Transit Passes for seamless movement of Forest produces across the county, and

Whereas necessary amendment in the Jammu and Kashmir Forest Produce Transit Rules, 2020 has been made by Government vide **S.O. 22 dated 19-01-2022** issued vide endorsement No: FST-Gen/8/2021-02dated 19-01-2022.

Whereas the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has rolled out National Transit Pass System (NTFPS), on 16 -02-2023.

The following instructions are hereby issued:

- Since, National Transit Pass System (NTPS) is operational in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir from 16.02.2023, the DFOs must encourage and provide necessary guidance to the applicants for generation of online Transit Pass under Jammu & Kashmir Forest Transit Rules 2020.
- No Objection Certificate (NOC) for transportation of forest produce exempted from the requirement of Transit Pass under transit rules can also be generated through NTPS.
- 3. To facilitate applicants during the transition period, both online system and offline system i.e. manual system of issuance of Transits Pass will be in operation till 30th September, 2023.

- 4. Government Departments and Forest Development Corporation shall be exempted from NTPS till further orders.
- 5. Forest Produce brought into UT of J&K from other States/UTs and not accompanied with a pass issued under NTPS or a print out of e-way bill, may be issued offline transit pass till further orders.

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- 1. Pr. Secretary to Govt. Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment, Civil Secretary, Jammu.
- 2. APCCF Jammu/Kashmir.
- 3. All CFs (Territorial).
- 4. All DFOs (Territorial).
- Pvt. Sectt to PCCF for information to PCCF.