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BULLDOZER POLICY

(Revised 2018)

1. Eligibility for Service

The Department of Agriculture's (DoA) land clearing and land preparation service is open to all persons with a valid Commercial Farmer ID and organizations involved in agriculture in the Cayman Islands. Persons or organizations requiring this service will be required to apply following the guidelines as set out below.

Applications from Government Agencies and Not-for-Profit organizations will be considered on a case-by-case basis and approval for service will be at the discretion of the Director of Agriculture (Director).

2. Utilization of Land to be Cleared

All land cleared under this service must be put into agricultural production within three months of land clearance and be kept in agricultural production for a minimum period of five years. Each applicant will be required to sign statements indicating his/her commitment to adhere to these requirements. Applicants who fail to comply with these commitments, without valid reasons, must reimburse government for the full cost of the service at the existing commercial rates at the time the work was done, less any previous payments made.

3. Allocation of Service

- 3.1 The bulldozer service will be available on a district-by-district basis and shall be limited to a maximum of 10 acres per applicant per district.
- 3.2 The DoA will provide notice by advertisement to potential applicants prior to the bulldozer's arrival in a given district. The advertisement will indicate the cut-off date for receipt of applications for that district. No late applications will be accepted.
- 3.3 Allocation within a district will be based on a first come/first served basis. However, priority may be given to particular applicants based on certain criteria such as, land in low-lying areas, particularly in anticipation of the rainy season.

4. Monitoring

- 4.1 The bulldozer supervisor will keep a log-sheet recording total fuel used and hours worked on each property.
- 4.2 A computerized record will be kept at the DoA of all land cleared under the programme.
- 4.3 The Director will appoint an officer of the DoA charged with the responsibility for inspecting/monitoring all lands that have been cleared under the programme. The officer shall submit his/her findings on a quarterly basis to the Director for appropriate action.

5. Fee Structure

Applicants will be charged as follows:

- 5.1 Week Day charges (Monday through Friday)
 - Cost of fuel
 - Cost of transporting bulldozer to and from location
- 5.2 Week End charges (Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays)
 - Cost of fuel
 - Operator's Wages
 - Cost of transporting bulldozer to and from location
 - Cost of Bulldozer Supervisor – calculated at a fixed rate of three (3) hours per day.

The foregoing fees may be waived by the Governor in Cabinet at its discretion for specified periods of time.

6. Application for Bulldozer Service

- 6.1 All applications must include a valid Commercial Farmer ID number, or the applicant must provide proof of provisional registration.
- 6.2 All applications must include the location of land to be cleared (Block and Parcel number) and the acreage requested.
- 6.3 Where proof of ownership or lease [lease agreement or written authorization from the owner giving him/her permission to clear and cultivate the said property] of the parcel to be cleared has previously been submitted as part of the commercial farmer id application, additional copies do not have to be submitted as part of this application process. Submission of proof of ownership or lease shall be required for any new parcels or if requested by the DoA to verify current ownership or lease status.

6.4 All applications must have attached a copy of the land registry map, which shows the Block and Parcel in question. An application for land clearing will not be processed unless the applicant has complied with the requirements above.

7. Physical Location of Land to be Cleared

It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to show the DoA representative the exact location of the land to be cleared and to provide evidence that this area is indeed within the boundaries of the Block and Parcel listed on the application form. In the event that this information cannot be verified by the DoA representative by either surveyor's boundary markers or other clearly recognizable land marks, the DoA shall require the applicant to have the area physically demarcated by a licensed land surveyor prior to approval of the application.

8. Indemnity Waiver

The applicant shall be liable for and shall indemnify the Government of the Cayman Islands against any expense, liability, loss, claim or proceedings whatsoever.

9. Law

This agreement is governed by the laws of the Cayman Islands

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REPORT ON INSPECTION OF PROPERTY

TO: Director of Agriculture

FROM: Bulldozer Supervisor

I have visited the premises in question and find it suitable/unsuitable* for the purpose intended.

Block #: _____ Parcel #: _____

Acreage to be cleared: _____

Terrain: _____

Number of days/hours of operation (estimated): _____ days _____ hours.

Acreage Crop/Pasture, etc. to be planted: _____

Bulldozer Supervisor

Date

* strike through as needed

Consultation with National Conservation Council (NCC) in accordance with Section 41 National Conservation Law (2013)

Supported

Objected

Full Name
(Representative of NCC)

Date

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The above has been Approved Not Approved

Director of Agriculture

Date

Notification to Applicant by the Department

Notification of Approval has been sent to applicant. Date: ___/___/20__ Initials: _____

Notification of Non- Approval has been sent to applicant. Date: ___/___/20__ Initials: _____



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Application Checklist

Please ensure that you have provided the required information as per the checklist. An application for land clearing will not be processed unless all required information has been completed/attached.

ITEMS	Done
<p>1 a. A copy of a <i>valid</i> Commercial Farmer ID</p> <p>b. Proof of pending Application for Commercial Farmer ID</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>2 a. The Block and Parcel #</p> <p>b. Acreage to be cleared</p> <p>c. Is the application signed</p> <p>d. Is the application witnessed</p> <p>e. Is the application dated</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>4. Proof of ownership or lease for any <i>new</i> parcels for which documents were not previously submitted as part of Commercial Farmer ID application. (As per Section 6.3 of the Policy)</p> <p>a A current certified copy (<i>front & back</i>) of the Land Register</p> <p><i>and/or</i></p> <p>b. A current copy of the lease agreement or written authorization giving the owner's permission to the applicant to clear and cultivate the said property</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>4. A certified copy of the land registry map showing area to be cleared</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>