

**Southern Nation, Nationalities & people's
Regional State**

**Under Trade & Industry Bureau
Tourism, Parks and Hotels Agency**

**Directive for Lodge Investment with in National Parks &
Reserves, No 29/1999**

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Introduction

It is universally recognized that, tourist attraction sites have significant contribution for socio-economic development of a given country, regions or local areas.

Southern Nation, Nationalities & peoples regional state is endowed with a Variety of attractions categorized under Natural, Historical and cultural. To maximize the direct socio economic impact of the sector, different compatible development strategies has been formulated and implemented in the past few years. Among others, demarcation of land for investment, developing investment incentive mechanisms, improving service delivery systems & developing workable regulations & directives are some of practical strategic actions for betterment & promotion of tourism investment.

Given the current tourist accommodations constrains in the attraction sites, particular attention is given to development of lodge with in National parks & Wildlife reserves, with out altering the surrounding environment (ecosystem).

To this end the Southern Nations Nationalities & people's Regional State Tourism Parks and Hotels Agency has developed work permit directives for investors to be used as a general guideline to facilitate their intervention as well as regulate, monitor and evaluate the implementation performances.

Part One

General

1. Short Title:

This directive may be cited as under SNNPRS ,Trade & Industry Bureau, Tourism, Parks & Hotels Agency Work Permit Directive for the lodge investment with in attractions sites ,no ----- / 1999

2. Definition

Unless the context otherwise requires, in the directive:

1. “regional State” means Southern National Nationalities and peoples Regional State pursuant to proclamation to provide for establishment of Regional states.
2. “ Bureau” means under Southern Nations Nationalities People Region Trade Industry Bureau.
3. “ Agency” means Tourism Parks and Hotels Agency
4. “ Lodge” means a country house to be built with in national parks & wildlife reserve sites, mainly made up of local materials where travelers can get meals and other service.
5. “Attractions” means a physical features of particular place (Natural, Historical and cultural) owned by the community or government that individual travelers of tourists perceive as capable of meeting one or more of their leisure needs.
6. “ Tourist” means a person who travel away from home for different purposes including business, leisure conference etc... staying away for at least 24 hours but less than one year.

7. “ Organization” means legal entity or body which has a capacity to organizing the business or activity related to construction of lodge with in National parks & Wildlife reserves.
8. “ Parking” means a free space with in tourist attraction sites, which is designed to provide parking service to motor or motor less vehicles.
9. “ National Parks” means a reserve of land, usually declared and owned by a national government with the view to its preservation and development purpose, which is entirely protected fro most human development and pollution.
10. “Wild animal controlled area” means the area determined under the law for the purpose of preserving wild animals, which includes National parks, Hunting and game reserve sites, as well as wild animals reserve areas.
11. “ Forest and Wild animals product” means any product which is in one another way obtained from the whole or part of the living (plant or animals) body which could be processed Naturally manually or industrially.
12. “ Natural Product” means any product (substances) which is found in land and water to be used for different purposes.
13. “ Cultural Product” means a human values obtained as a result of an integral to human capacity for learning and transmitting knowledge to succeeding generation.
14. “ License” means a legal document giving official permission to investors to be engaged on development of lodge with in National parks & Wildlife reserves.

15. “ Monitoring” means an intermittent (regular or irregular) series of observations in time, carried out to show the extent of compliance with formulated standard or degree of deviation from an expected norm.

3. Scope of application

- This directive shall be effective on investors to be engaged on development of lodge with in National parks & Wildlife reserves.
- This directive not be biding for those who are going to invest on their own premises and those who are invested prior this directive effect in to force.

Part Two

4. Principles, Obligations and Prohibitions

It is significantly important to protect, develop and manage the surrounding environment or ecosystem of the existing attraction sites properly in a way that could realize sustainable development.

To this end, the following Principles, Obligations and Prohibitions are the major ones to be mentioned hereunder.

4.1 Principles

4.1.1 The site to be selected for lodge development shall not have negative impact on socio economic as well as ecological environment of the area.

4.1.2 The intended development activity shall not be effected in areas of pale anthropological site, historical, religious and other sensitive areas.

4.1.3 The intended development shall not result the negative effect on the existing natural fauna and flora.

4.2 Obligations

4.2.1 Organizational obligations

4.2.1.1 The Organization engaged on lodge investment shall first secure work permit license from Tourism Parks & Hotels Agency prior to have investment certificate.

4.2.1.2 The Socio-Economic impact of the purposed investment project should be assessed and approved by the respective bodies.

4.2.1.3 The Organization should settle the land rent on time to regional investment agency in accordance of the rate indicated on rural land utilization regulation.

4.2.1.4 The organization shall not transfer its rights and obligations to third party with out the permission of the Agency.

4.2.1.5 The Organization should provide the necessary information's to the concerned body.

4.2.1.6 The Organization should contribute about 3% of net annual profit to communities supportive development activities.

4.2.2 Agency Obligation

4.2.2.1 The Agency shall identify and demarcate the required investment land in accordance with the principles mentioned under article 4.1.

4.2.2.2 The Agency shall secure the work permit up on the fulfillment of the requirements by the intended organization.

4.3 Prohibited Activates

No person or organization shall:

4.3.1 Tend to tame the existing wild animals with in the project area.

4.3.2 Cary out any activities that may be harmful to the natural environment or disturb the existing physical setup of the surrounding area.

4.3.3 Take any forest and wild life product from or carry out any activity (collect, sell, buy) that may be harmful to natural resources.

4.3.4 Take any action of killing or carry out hunting activities.

5. Monitoring and Evaluation

5.1 The Agency should conduct timely monitoring and controlling activity in order to examine whether the ongoing activities have negative impact on the natural environment, and take timely decision on deviation so as progress is maintained according to plan of action.

5.2 The Agency should control the overall service delivery system of the organization and also expected to provide technical support if necessary.

5.3 The Agency as well as the organization should undertake organized and integrated monitoring and evaluation over the agreed and approved activities if necessary.

6. Penalty

If the organization violates obligations under article 4.2.1 of this directives, the agency have the power to take the following measures.

6.1 First level violation of obligation should results oral penalty. The degree of penalties should be strengthen according with the degree of damage committed on the existing physical environment.

- 6.2 Failure to comply with the first level measure should be followed by first level written penalty.
- 6.3 Failure to respect written penalty should be followed with last written penalty.
- 6.4 Failure to comply with penalties from 6.1-6.3 shall result in final revocation of license.
- 6.5 In addition to stated penalties if the organization or employees of the organization kills wild animals or cut trees in a deliberate or negligent way:
- 6.5.1 The organization or the employee shall be subjected to pay equivalent of the rate indicated on federal wild animal's protection and development regulation, for specified animals to be hunted.
- 6.5.2 Failure to respect the previous penalty, the payment rate should be doubled.
- 6.5.3 If the killed animal is female, the payment rate should be double of what is indicated on the regulation.
- 6.5.4 If the list of killed animal is not available on the existing regulation, payment should be calculated based on the maximum rate indicated therein.
- 6.5.5 For destruction of forests, the appropriate penalties under federal forest protection regulation should be applied.

PART THREE

Miscellaneous Provisions

7. Duty To co-operate

Any concerned government and non-government organization should have the duty to cooperate for the implementation of this directive

8. Inapplicable Directives

No directive shall, insofar as it is inconsistent with this directive, be applicable with respect to matters provided for in this directive

9. Transfer of rights and obligation

Right and obligations stated under this directive can be transferred to any of the organizations established under regional tourism parks and hotels agency (be it zonal or special woreda).

10. Amendment of directive

The agency shall have the duty to amend all or part of this directive when ever necessary.

11. Date of effective

This directive shall enter in to action starting from _____ 1999 E.C.

Annex one

Contents of the proposed projects:

1. Project site plan

- 1.1 The site plan should clearly show how harmonious features of the Blocks (internal & external views) with the existing natural environment.
- 1.2 The proposed road access & networking.
- 1.3 The site to be used for plantation of trees so as beautify & protect the intended project environment.
- 1.4 The site plan should incorporate the type and location of facilities to be used by clients as well as employees (like information center, internet service, residential compound, dinging rooms, laundry, toilets etc...)

2. **Project content**

- 2.1 The project proposal should indicate or clarify the direct and indirect benefits that enjoy by the surrounding communities.
- 2.2 Long term as well as short term plan of project for employment generation, slay scale & benefit packages.
- 2.3 The type and number of vehicles to be used.
- 2.4 Source of fund ,cost & benefit analysis, & profitability.
- 2.5 The expected benefit to be gained from economic social and environmental point of view.
- 2.6 The type of development undertakings & services to be conducted in the future and its implementation schedule has to indicated on the proposed project very clearly and precisely.

Annex 2

Minimum requirements to be fulfilled to get work permit

1. construction features

1.1 Location/site/

1.1.1 The selected site will not be located in areas where it can cause negative impact on the over all socio-economic conditions of the environment.

1.1.2 The site should be conducive for construction of lodge.

1.1.3 The site should have enough space for parking and other related services demanded by the customers.

1.2 Building

1.2.1 It is recommended that, the building (houses) to be constructed should use local building materials, by taking in to account the quality & availability of the resources.

1.2.2 It is recommended that, the physical appearance (shape and decorations)of houses or buildings need to be similar to the existing local houses.

1.2.3 It is recommended that, the intended project should Create job opportunity for local peoples.

2. Reception

The requirements for reception include:

Registration form

Counter

Official Stamp

Official receipt

Bed rooms charges

Customers chairs

Service men with uniform

Sign Boards

3. Bed Rooms

The requirements for bed rooms include:

The number of rooms required to be 10.

The minimum size for single and double rooms should be 8 and 12 meter square respectively.

The minimum size for single and double standard beds should be (0.9 x 2m), (1.2m x 2m) respectively

The pillow & mattress should be made of either cotton or sponge

The blanket, sheets and bedcover should be quality, clean and sufficient in number.

There should be chair, table, Locker, and coat hanger, water bottle with glass.

The rooms should have switches, at the appropriate sides of doors and beds.

At least the room floor has to be covered with cement, and each room need to have separate and secured door.

The roof has to be covered and the wall should be painted with plastic paints.

The room should have wash basin, bathrobe, toilet fitted with appropriate accessories.

Each room has to be numbered or marked.

4. Restaurant

The requirements for restaurants include;

- There has to be trained cooks.
- The minimum capacity should be 20 persons having space 1.25m/person.
- There has to be clean , sufficient and galvanized utensils.
- There has to be sufficient number of dining tables with clean covers.
- The restaurant floor has to cover with cement, and should have standardized doors and windows.
- The restaurant should have menu containing lists of food and drinks with their respective change.
- There has to be separate toilet for ladies and gents.
- The employees should take timely health examination.
- The restaurant should have enough space for aeration and related services to be delivered.

Cooking(catering) rooms

- There has to be trained and sufficient number of cookers with uniforms.
- The minimum room size should be 20m², having enough space for light and air.
- Sufficient and standard cooking utensils.
- The rooms should have freezers and other related cooking materials.
- There has to be washbasin connected with external septic-tanker.
- The floor should at least be made of cement or bricks.
- The employees health status has to a checked on regular base.
- There has to be fire extinguisher around rooms.

Workers (employees)

- Sufficient in number & trained with their respective profession.
- There has to be sufficient and clean working gown that should be numbered accordingly.
- The workers should have separate dressing, dinging, shower and toilet facilities.

Sanitation standard

- The site(campus) should be free front any solid or liquid wastes.
- The site has be to protected in such way that could be attractive.
- There has to be standard sewerage systems.
- Waste bins should be placed in appropriate places and has to be cleared on regular bases.