

# RODRIGUES (STATE LAND AND PAS GÉOMÉTRIQUES) REGULATIONS 1915

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## **RODRIGUES, ST. BRANDON AND AGALEGA**

### **1. Short title**

These regulations may be cited as the **Rodrigues (State land and Pas Géométriques) Regulations 1915**.  
**Amended by [Act No. 48 of 1991]**

### **2. Interpretation**

In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires-

"State lands", "Pas Géométriques", "Mountain Reserve", "River Reserve" have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Forests and Reserves Act;

"Minister" means the Minister to whom responsibility for the subject of lands is assigned.

**Amended by [\[GN No. 104 of 1972\]](#); [Act No. 48 of 1991]**

### **3. Sale and grants of State land**

(1) The State lands may be sold at the discretion of the President with the exception of the-

- (i) Pas Géométriques;
- (ii) Mountain Reserves;
- (iii) River Reserves;

when the reserves belong to Government.

(2) Whenever any State land, not being Pas Géométriques mountain or river reserves, is required for religious, charitable or educational purposes, or for purposes of public utility, it shall be lawful for the President, upon being satisfied that the purposes for which the land is required are bona fide religious, charitable, educational or of public utility, to grant a concession or a lease of such land on such terms as the President may determine.

Any such grant or lease shall be conditional on the land being or continuing to be applied to the purpose for which the grant or lease has been made.

**Amended by [\[GN No. 61 of 1968\]](#); [\[GN No. 104 of 1972\]](#); [Act No. 48 of 1991]**

### **4. Villages**

It shall be lawful for the President, on a report of the Island Secretary, to declare by notice certain localities at Rodrigues to be villages, and to fix, by such notice, the boundaries of such villages; and lands situate within the limits of such villages, which would fall within the definition of Pas Géométriques, given in regulation 2, are hereby excluded from the operation of this regulation, and shall be deemed and shall be dealt with as State lands which are not Pas Géométriques.

**Amended by [\[GN No. 70 of 1950\]](#); [\[GN No. 61 of 1968\]](#); [\[GN No. 104 of 1972\]](#); [\[Act No. 3 of 1988\]](#); [\[Act No. 12 of 1990\]](#); [\[Act No. 48 of 1991\]](#)**

## **5. Pas Géométriques**

The Pas Geometriques shall remain imprescriptible and inalienable as provided by section 35 of the State lands Act.

**Amended by [\[Act No. 48 of 1991\]](#)**

## **6. Leases**

(1) (a) The Minister may grant a lease of a portion of State Land or of a portion of Pas Geometriques or annexes for a period not exceeding 20 years on such terms and conditions as to rent, planting and felling of trees, transfer of the lease and other conditions, as he may impose.

(b) Where a building has been erected on the State Land or Pas Geometriques in conformity with a lease granted under subparagraph (a), the Minister may grant renewal of the lease for 2 further consecutive periods of 20 years subject to such conditions as he may impose.

(2) Anything contained in any contract for the lease of any State lands, Pas Géométriques or annexes in force at the time of coming into operation of this regulation to the contrary notwithstanding, any rent relating to any lease of such State lands, Pas Géométriques or annexes, shall be payable in advance to the Island Secretary on the 15th of June of every year in respect of the year next ensuing.

(3) Any person who shall apply any land leased to him under the provision of this regulation or any portion of such land, to any purpose other than that for which the lease was granted shall be guilty an offence and liable therefor to a fine not exceeding 100 rupees.

**Amended by [\[GN No. 229 of 1945\]](#); [\[GN No. 34 of 1939\]](#); [\[GN No. 104 of 1972\]](#); [\[GN No. 75 of 2001\]](#); [\[Act No. 70 of 1950\]](#); [\[Act No. 3 of 1988\]](#); [\[Act No. 12 of 1990\]](#); [\[Act No. 48 of 1991\]](#)**

## **7. Unauthorized cutting of trees an offence**

(1) Any lessee of any portion of the Pas Géométriques who shall cut, destroy or remove, or use to be cut, destroyed or removed, any tree on such Pas Géométriques unless he is expressly anted the right of cutting trees in his lease, shall be guilty of an offence.

- (2) Any lessee authorised to cut trees who shall cut, destroy or remove, or cause to be cut, strayed or removed, any tree on any Pas Géométriques without having complied with the conditions his lease or in breach of any such condition, shall be guilty of an offence.
- (3) Any person who shall cut, destroy or remove, or cause to be cut, destroyed or removed, any tree on any portion of the Pas Géométriques which is either not let by the Government or which is let to other person by whom he is not authorized so to act, shall be guilty of an offence.

## **8. Penalty**

Any person found guilty of an offence under regulation 7 shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine t exceeding 500 rupees in addition to the value of any tree cut, destroyed or removed, with or without imprisonment not exceeding six months.

Amended by [\[GN No. 104 of 1972\]](#)

## **9. Signature of sales and leases**

All sales or leases of State lands shall be by private contract under the signature of the Island Secretary and the buyer or lessee, as the case may be.

Amended by [\[GN No. 61 of 1968\]](#); [\[GN No. 104 of 1972\]](#); [\[Act No. 3 of 1988\]](#); [\[Act No. 12 of 1990\]](#); [\[Act No. 48 of 1991\]](#)

## **10. Applications to be forwarded by Island Secretary**

It shall be the duty of the Island Secretary to forward to the President any application for a sale or lease of State lands made by any person, together with his report thereon.

Amended by [\[GN No. 61 of 1968\]](#); [\[GN No. 104 of 1972\]](#); [\[Act No. 70 of 1950\]](#); [\[Act No. 3 of 1988\]](#); [\[Act No. 12 of 1990\]](#); [\[Act No. 48 of 1991\]](#)

## **11. Validating**

All sales and leases made prior to this regulation are hereby declared to be valid and effectual to all intents and purposes.