

Section 9-13-82

Rates; additional privilege tax upon processors of or manufacturers using forest products; taxation of round wood pulpwood converted into chips.

(a) The measure of the tax is at the following rates:

(1) On pine ~~timber (except timber harvested for use as piling or poles) lumber \$0.50, per 1,000 feet board measure lumber tally. Where the timber is sold as logs and is not converted into lumber in Alabama, the rate shall be \$0.75 per 1,000 feet log scale (Doyle rule), except that logs under eight inches in diameter inside the bark at the small end shall be scaled as containing one foot log scale for each foot of length, or, at the election of the taxpayer, the rate shall be \$0.10 per ton (2,000 pounds).~~

(2) On hardwood, cypress, and all other species of ~~lumber~~timber (except timber harvested for use as piling or poles), ~~\$0.30, per 1,000 feet board measure lumber tally. Where the timber is sold as logs and is not converted into lumber in Alabama, the rate shall be \$0.50, per 1,000 feet log scale (Doyle rule), except that logs under eight inches in diameter inside the bark at the small end shall be scaled as containing one foot log scale for each foot of length, or, at the election of the taxpayer, the rate shall be \$0.06510 per ton (2,000 pounds).~~

(3) On pulpwood, chemical wood, and bolts, ~~\$0.25, per standard cord of 128 cubic feet, or, at the election of the taxpayer, \$0.10 per ton (2,000 pounds).~~

(4) ~~On crossties, \$0.015 per piece, or, at the election of the taxpayer, \$0.15 per ton (2,000 pounds), and on switch ties, \$0.025 per piece, or, at the election of the taxpayer, \$0.17 per ton (2,000 pounds).~~

(5) ~~On mine ties and coal mine props, \$0.125 per 100 pieces, or, at the election of the taxpayer, \$0.15 per ton (2,000 pounds).~~

(6) ~~On pine ore mine props, \$0.75 per 1,000 feet log scale (Doyle rule) and on hardwood ore mine props, \$0.50 per 1,000 feet log scale (Doyle rule), except that props under eight inches in diameter at the small end shall be scaled as containing one foot log scale for each foot of length, or, at~~

~~the election of the taxpayer, \$3.125 per 1,000 lineal feet, or, \$0.15 per ton (2,000 pounds), regardless of species.~~

~~(7)(3) On timber of any type harvested for use as piling and poles, \$1.875 per 1,000 board feet (Doyle scale), or, at the election of the taxpayer, the rate shall be \$0.205 per ton (2,000 pounds).~~

~~(8)(4) On turpentine (crude gum), \$0.15 per barrel of 400 pounds.~~

~~(9)(5) On stumpwood (tarwood), \$0.125 per ton (2,000 pounds).~~

~~(10) On pulpwood chips, \$0.25 per 190 cubic feet, or, at the election of the taxpayer, \$0.10 per ton (2,000 pounds).~~

(b) There is also levied a privilege tax against the processor of the forest products or the manufacturer using the forest products in an amount equal to 50 percent of the tax on the severer as set out above. The privilege tax shall be collected in the same manner as the severance tax on the severer is collected. This tax is levied not only upon processors or manufacturers within this state but also upon out-of-state processors or manufacturers who obtain the timber within this state and ship it outside the state for completion of the manufacturing process. It is the legislative intent that this privilege tax is not to be levied in any manner upon the person owning the land from which the forest products are severed nor upon the person actually cutting the forest products but it is levied upon the processor processing the forest products or manufacturer using the forest products.

(c) Round wood pulpwood on which the tax has been paid shall not be subject to an additional tax when converted into chips, but the additional tax levied by subsection (b) of this section shall be paid by the person, firm, or corporation utilizing the chips in a manufacturing process.

(d) All tax rates set forth in subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted (rounding to the nearest one-tenth of a cent) by the Alabama Forestry Commission annually on or before March 31 of each year to reflect changes in the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index, or any successor index. All adjustments to such tax rates shall be promulgated as a rule by the Alabama Forestry Commission in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act.