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TO: Fuelwood Dealers
FROM: Jeff M. Witte, Director/Secretary 
SUBJECT: Regulations on Sale of Fuelwood (SCS 2022 E-1)

This external policy supersedes SCS 2020 E-1 dated January 2, 2020.

The Board of Regents of New Mexico State University, pursuant to the Weights and Measures Law (Chapter 57-17-1 through 19, NMSA, 1978 Compilation), adopted 21 NMAC 16.4, effective July 1, 1997. The regulation on fuelwood is as follows:

FUELWOOD. Shall be advertised, offered for sale, and sold only by the cord or fractional part of a cord, except it may be sold by weight if the seller declares the price per unit of weight and the equivalent price per cord. The provisions of this method of sale shall not apply to fuelwood sold in packaged form in bundles of less than one hundred (100) pounds.

This regulation prohibits the sale of firewood in unspecified quantities, such as a "load" or a "truck load." The buyer of more than 100 pounds must be informed of the cord equivalent of his purchase of fuelwood. Under the regulation, fractions of cords are permitted to be sold when identified as such. When selling bulk fuelwood by weight, the seller must declare the total selling price, the weight sold, the price per unit of weight, and the equivalent price per cord. For example, if priced at \$70 per ton and if the fuelwood weighs 3,000 pounds per cord, the equivalent price per cord would be \$105.

Each delivery shall be accompanied by a receipt or invoice containing the name and address of the buyer and seller, the date of the delivery, the quantity delivered, the identity of the commodity, and the total selling price.

Bundles of kindling wood or similar small packages must be labeled with a statement of net content in terms of weight or measure. The label must also include the name and place of business of the packager or distributor and a word or phrase identifying the product.

Examples of acceptable labels are shown below for your information. You need not copy these examples, but they do contain the required information, in the correct format.

EXAMPLE 1.....

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. PINON KINDLING WOOD
. Chasco Wood Company
. Ocate, NM 87734
. 25 Pounds Net Wt.
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EXAMPLE 2.....

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. JUNIPER FIREWOOD
. Chasco Wood Company
. Ocate, NM 87734
. Net Contents 1.5 Cubic Ft
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Questions concerning this regulation may be directed to:

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Attachment: 21 NMAC 16.4