

**Memorandum Order  
No. 4  
February 6, 1987**

**SUBJECT: Strengthening the Procedures on the  
Documentation of Forest Products and the  
Monitoring of the Movement Thereof**

1. As an added measure to strengthen the implementation of the provisions of various issuances governing the documentation and the monitoring of the movements of timber and non-timber forest products, the following instructions are hereby issued:
  - 1.1 All timber and non-timber forest products before same are transported, shall be properly documented in consonance with existing forestry laws, rules and regulations;
  - 1.2 More specifically, forest products covered by these instructions shall be accompanied by the shipping documents required under BFD Circulars No. 8, No. 9 and No. 10, S. 1983, and provisions of MNR Memorandum Order No. 7-86 dated 30 June 1986 relating to the use of Domestic Log Shipment Declaration (DLSD);
  - 1.3 In applying the use of the DLSD, however, the following general guidelines shall be invariably followed:
    - 1.3.1 As a general rule, all logs transported locally through the water routes, whether loaded on watergoing ships, barges, or towed by tugboats shall, aside from the Certificate of Timber Origin (CTO) be accompanied by the DLSD duly issued by the Forest Officer concerned and such other documents required under existing forestry rules and regulations.
    - 1.3.2 In the event that the logs subject of the immediately preceding paragraph are re-transported/reshipped to their final point of destination as per the accompanying CTO, the said shipment shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Verification issued by the concerned forest officer at the point of transshipment/initial discharge, together with a copy of the DLSD. PROVIDED, that if the logs are being transported from the licensee's concession area to its logpond passing through provincial/national roads and water channels, only the CTO

shall be required. PROVIDED FURTHER, that if the logs are being transported by timber license holders from their logpond using the water route and passing through one or more regions, the CTO and DLSD shall be required, PROVIDED FINALLY, that logs cut and collected from private tree plantation holdings for delivery to timber licensees/buyers via the waterways, both the CTO and DLSD shall accompany such shipment.

- 1.4 Consistent with the provisions of BFD Administrative Order No. 1, s. 1985 and Ministry Administrative Order No. 40, s. 1986, holders of wood processing plant permits without back-up timber concession but with a duly approved Equity Participation Agreement (EPA) or long term log supply contract with a timber concessionaire may buy their log supply from other legitimate sources outside of the EPA, PROVIDED, that the sale of the logs so bought are covered by a duly approved Log Sales/Purchase Agreement (LSPA); PROVIDED FURTHER, that the transport of said logs shall be accompanied by the documents required herein, PROVIDED FINALLY, that log sales transactions between parties not covered by Sec. 30 of PD No. 704, as amended, and those covered by duly approved EPA may not be required the use of the LS/PA.
2. This Memorandum Order which complements existing Orders, Circulars and Instructions consistent herewith shall be circularized by Forestry Officials concerned, for proper guidance and compliance.
3. This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

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Minister