

DENR ADMINISTRATIVE  
ORDER NO. 19

**SUBJECT: Ban on Lumber Exports.**

Pursuant to the government thrust of forest conservation and to ensure the continued availability of raw material supply to the lumber-dependent industries, the following guidelines are issued for the information and guidance of all concerned:

*Section 1. Lumber Export Ban.* There is hereby imposed a nationwide ban on lumber exports. The DENR shall stop accepting applications for the exportation of lumber by May 15, 1989. Only lumber exportation that have been cleared as of said date shall be allowed to be shipped until June 30, 1989, beyond which all lumber export permits shall be considered cancelled.

*Section 2. Exemptions to the Export Ban.* Lumber products, wood manufacturers and other wood finished products, which are further manufactured from lumber or wood including, but not limited to wooden furniture and toys, packing cases and parquet floors, doors and other builder woodworks, picture frames, tool handles, decorative articles, wooden shoes, toothpicks, chopsticks, etc., shall be allowed to be exported.

Also exempted from this ban are lumber and lumber products and boules sawn from imported wood under bonded warehouses or processed inside export processing zones.

*Section 3. Definition of Terms.* For the purpose of this Order, the following definitions shall apply:

- 3.1 *Export* — the process of sale and shipment of goods and services to a foreign entity.
- 3.2 *Lumber* — solid wood not further manufactured other than sawing, resawing, kiln-drying, and passing lengthwise through a standard planing machine, including boules or unedged lumber.
- 3.3 *Lumber products, wood manufacturers, and other wood finished products* — Articles further manufactured from lumber or wood with moisture content not exceeding 15%; including but not limited to wooden furniture and toys, packing cases, parquet floors, doors, door components, doorstiles, other builders woodworks, window components, mouldings, drawersides, cabinet and furniture components, knock-down furniture components, picture frames, tool handles, decorative articles, wooden shoes, toothpicks and chopsticks.

*Section 4. Penal Provision.* Anyone found violating this Order shall be liable for criminal prosecution without prejudice to the cancellation of his/its permit/license to operate a logging concession, sawmill or any wood processing plant or industry falling within the jurisdiction of the DENR, the payment of all charges and export taxes and perpetual disqualification from developing natural resources.

*Section 5. Clarificatory Circulars.* – The Undersecretary for Field Operations, may, when the need arises, issue circulars clarifying the specifics of implementation of this Order.

*Section 6. Effectivity.* – This Order takes effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and supersedes any or all provisions of previous Orders, Memoranda, and other issuances inconsistent herewith.

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Secretary

Signed on March 17, 1989