

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

No. 04,

**TO :** All Regional Executive Directors  
All DENR Personnel Concerned  
All Reforestation Contractors  
All Forest Licensees, Leasees, Permittees  
Concerned

**FROM :** The Secretary

**SUBJECT:** On the Matter of Acceptable Survival  
Percentage for Forest Plantations.

For purposes of setting a minimum acceptable survival percentage for forest plantations established and developed through contracts, by administration, or by forest licensees, leasees, permittees concerned, it shall henceforth be the policy of the Department that for such forest plantations to be considered as fully-established, the percentage of survival shall be eighty percent (80%) or higher at two (2) years after planting.

For this purpose, the following terms of reference shall invariably apply:

1. The survival count shall be reckoned from the original spacing or density prescribed in the development plan of the area. *No subsequent adjustments of density or spacing shall be done without prior written approval of the Regional Executive Director concerned.*
2. The survival count shall include only those individual plants that are robust, vigorous, and of good form; diseased or malformed plants shall not be included.

Henceforth all plantations shall only be considered as being fully planted if the aforementioned survival count is satisfied. Plantations established through contract shall only be accepted by the Department when the prescribed survival percentage is met at the time of turn-over; plantations established by government administration shall likewise be considered as fully-established only when the above-prescribed survival percentage is met. This standard shall also apply for all plantations developed by timber licensees, Industrial Tree Plantations Leasees, Tree Farm Leasees, Agro-Forest Farm Leasees and other licenses/leasees/permittees concerned.

**FULGENCIO S. FACTORAN, JR.**  
Secretary

Signed on March 7, 1987