

DENR MEMORANDUM ORDER
No. 12

SUBJECT: Disposition of Illegally Cut Logs, Flitches and Lumber in Real, Infanta and Gen. Nakar, Quezon.

Pursuant to the provisions of PD 705, as amended, to conserve, protect and wisely utilize our forest resources in the Province of Quezon and upon representation of the Governor and Chairman of Adhoc Committee, Quezon, a "Balik-Chainsaw" Amnesty Program (BCAP) to cover the Municipalities of Real, Infanta and Gen. Nakar, Quezon is hereby declared and approved for implementation. This "Balik-Chainsaw" Amnesty Program shall allow the declaration, surrender, transport, processing and disposition of illegally cut logs, flitches and lumber subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Amnesty and Provincial Processing Permit shall be issued by the Regional Executive Director/Regional Technical Director for Forestry, Region IV, or the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO), Quezon.
2. This "Balik-Chainsaw" Amnesty Program is only applicable in the Municipalities of Real, Infanta and Gen. Nakar, Quezon for the logs, flitches and lumber declared by illegal mini-sawmill operators and subsistence illegal cutters/gatherers residing within the said municipalities.
3. Amnesty on the declared illegal forest products shall be granted and documented upon payments of the following penalties:
 - a. Dipterocarp (logs, flitches and lumber)

logs	-	₱ 500/cu.m.
flitches	-	700/cu.m.
lumber	-	1000/cu.m.
 - b. Non-dipterocarp (logs, flitches and lumber)

Fifty percent (50%) of the prescribed rates for dipterocarps.

4. Declarants/applicants (subsistence illegal cutters/gatherers) to the BCAP shall surrender at least one (1) power chainsaw, and the assessed value as determined by the PENRO shall be deducted from the payment of the penalty based on the following scheme:

less than one (1) year	–	₱18,000
1 – 2 years	–	16,000
2 – 3 years	–	14,000
more than 3 years	–	10,000

5. Illegal mini-sawmill operators/bandmillers who availed of this program shall be issued a provisional processing permit to operate until December 20, 1989 and immediately thereafter the aforesaid mini-sawmill shall be completely dismantled. Participating mini-sawmill operators shall pay the required penalty fees of ₱4,000.00 (equivalent to the regular permit fees plus 300 percent (300%) surcharge.
6. The Balik-Chainsaw Amnesty Program is effective for 30 days only, to start November 21, 1989 to December 20, 1989.
7. All undiposed logs, flitches and lumber declared, and undeclared after the amnesty period shall be automatically confiscated and all payments of penalty are forfeited in favor of the government.
8. Applicants/declarants to the “Balik-Chainsaw” Amnesty Program shall be allowed to declare their illegally cut logs, flitches and lumber during the first five (5) days of the amnesty program from November 21-25, 1989 only.
9. All logs, flitches and lumber previously seized or confiscated as well as freshly or newly cut logs and premium species are not covered by the “Balik-Chainsaw” Amnesty Program.
10. All other details regarding the guidelines and procedures of the “Balik-Chainsaw” Amnesty Program as embodied in the *Operations Plan* for the disposition of the illegally cut logs, flitches and lumber which forms part of this Order shall be strictly followed.

This Order takes effect immediately.

VICTOR O. RAMOS
Acting Secretary

Signed on November 17, 1989