

**Memorandum Order
No. 5
May 22, 1991**

**SUBJECT: Timber Supply and Processing Strategy for
the Province of Isabela**

Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of P.D. 705, as amended, to conserve, protect and wisely utilize our forest resources particularly in the Province of Isabela, and upon the representation of the Provincial Government;

Whereas, there is a need to evolve a more rational utilization of timber resources in the province in accordance with existing forestry laws, rules and regulations and to implement a more effective strategy against illegal forest products utilization and trade;

Whereas, the forest industry is one of the pillars of the province's economy such that there exists a need to install a completely legitimate timber supply and marketing system;

Whereas, the Isabela Wood Based Industries Association (ISWBIA) has been formed voluntarily for this purpose with a concurrence for the inventory and evaluation of all timber stocks of the members;

Therefore, a Provincial Timber Supply and Strategy Program for Isabela is now being considered for implementation.

Prior to the establishment of this system, and in order to begin the program with a clean slate, a Timber Amnesty period is hereby directed, during which time all interested and licensed sawmillers may declare and register their total stock of timbers.

The permits to transport, process and dispose all declared questionable logs/flitches and lumber shall be issued subject to the following conditions:

1. The amnesty program shall only be implemented within the province of Isabela for a period of forty five (45) days without any extension starting from the effectivity of this Order.
2. The Regional Technical Director (RTD) for Forestry in Region II is tasked to oversee the overall operation and implementation of the amnesty program following the operations plan. He shall assign/create teams to man the monitoring stations/checkpoints.

3. Amnesty on the declared questionable forest products shall be granted and documented upon payment by the participating members of the ISWBIA of P800.00 per cu.m. penalty.
4. Only logs, flitches and lumber stockfiled in open or hidden log yards of existing sawmillers may qualify for amnesty. This program shall not include logs or flitches abandoned, scattered and hidden in forest areas.
5. All logs, flitches and lumber previously seized or confiscated as well as freshly cut or newly cut logs and premium species are not covered by this Timber Amnesty Program.
6. All other details regarding the guidelines and procedures of this Amnesty Program as embodied in the attached Operations Plan for the Isabela Timber Amnesty Program shall be strictly followed.
7. Additional operational details may be ordered by the Assistant Secretary for Field Operations, Luzon upon recommendations of the RED Region 2.

This Order takes effect immediately.

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Secretary

NOTE: Operations Plan Omitted