

**DENR Circular
No. 03
September 3, 1992**

Subject : Clarification of DAO No. 38, Series of 1992, Prescribing Conditions for the Operation of Sawmills and Mini-Sawmills

In connection with the policy under DAO No. 38, Series of 1992, directing that no permit to operate shall be given to sawmills and mini-sawmills unless with assured legitimate sources of raw materials equivalent to 100% of log requirement, the following clarifications are hereby issued, to wit:

1. The provisions of Section 2, DAO No. 38 shall be strictly applied to:
 - 1.1 Mini-sawmills; and
 - 1.2 Sawmills without back-up concession
2. In the case of sawmills with back-up concession and where the permit is coterminous with their TLAs same shall be exempted from the application of said provisions.
3. The permits to be issued to all sawmills shall have a maximum tenure of two (2) years.

With respect to sawmills located in the Greater Manila Area, which are either with or without back-up concession or log supply, they are exempted from the said provisions pursuant to a previous policy on the matter.

For purposes of this Order, Greater Manila Area includes the following:

1. From Manila going north, specifically the municipalities of Meycauayan, Marilao, Bocaue, Balagtas and Guiguinto, province of Bulacan.
2. From Manila going south, specifically the municipalities of San Pedro, Province of Laguna.
3. All the municipalities and cities within Metro Manila.

This Order takes effect immediately and amends/revokes other orders or instructions inconsistent herewith.

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