

DENR Memorandum Circular

No. 12

May 10, 1993

SUBJECT : Submission of the Medium-Term Forest Management Plan to the EIS System and Approval of CY 1993 IAOPs

Pursuant to the provisions of DENR Administrative Order No. 21, Series of 1992 and DENR Memorandum Circular No. 09, Series of 1992, the following rules are hereby issued for the guidance of all concerned:

1. The 10-year Medium-Term Forest Management Plan which is required of holders of Timber License Agreement (TLA) for submission this year shall be subject to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System. The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) shall prepare the scooping guidelines for logging operations which shall be used in the preparation of the Medium-Term Plan by all concerned.
2. After deliberations on and endorsement of the Medium-Term Plan by the DENR Field Offices concerned, the same shall be submitted to the EMB for processing and issuance of an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) in accordance with Sec. 2A, 3 and 4 of DAO 021, S. 1992.
3. Pending the submission and approval of the Medium-Term Plan and in order to avoid the unnecessary delay in the commencement of logging operations, the CY 1993 Integrated Annual Operations Plan (IAOP) of TLA holders which is based on the former may be approved subject to the submission of the same as Project Description (PD) in accordance with Sec. 2B of DAO 021, S. 1992. The CY 1993 IAOP shall, therefore, be jointly endorsed by the RTDs for Forestry and Environment before the same is approved by the RED concerned.
4. Two (2) basic elements of the CY 1993 IAOP shall be the payment of silvicultural fees and the use of endemic forest tree species in the TLA's planned reforestation and enrichment planting activities. The suspension on the collection of silvicultural fee amounting to 300% of the regular forest charges pursuant to a radio message dated 19 March 1992 of then Undersecretary Victor O. Ramos is therefore hereby lifted. The interim rates of forest charges provided for under DENR Administrative Order No. 56, Series of 1991 shall be used as

the basis for computation. Moreover, the DENR Field Offices concerned shall see to it that the logged-over and open areas of TLA holders must be returned to the state that will approximate the original diverse forest stand by primarily planting native/endemic economic forest tree species (e.g., dipterocarps) and not the fast growing introduced varieties.

5. This Circular shall take effect immediately.

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Recommending Approval

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