

**DENR Memorandum Circular**  
**No. 19**  
**May 24, 1993**

**SUBJECT : Monitoring of Selected Forest Products Pursuant to R.A. No. 7581 otherwise known as the "Price Act."**

1. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 7581 otherwise known as the "Price Act of 1991," and its implementing Order (DTI, DENR, DOH, DA Joint Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1993), the DENR has been tasked to monitor the supply and prices of the following forest products:
  - 1.1 Basic necessities
    - 1.1.1 Fuelwood
    - 1.1.2 Charcoal
  - 1.2 Prime commodities
    - 1.2.1 Plywood
    - 1.2.2 Plyboard
    - 1.2.3 Sawali
    - 1.2.4 Nipa shingles
2. The purpose of this monitoring exercise is to ensure availability of these products in the market in sufficient quantities and that prices do not increase beyond the limit set by law. R.A. 7581 provides that any price increase beyond ten (10%) percent over the previous month is considered profiteering and the firm's business permit may be subject to suspension or cancellation. Moreover, by periodically monitoring the supply of these products in the market, the agencies concerned are expected to institute measures that would avert shortage of the products they are tasked to monitor especially in calamity areas.
3. To effectively carry-out the tasks assigned to the DENR, the CENRO's are hereby directed to create teams that will monitor the supply and retail prices of the forest products listed in item 1 above in close coordination with the local government units. The existing Price Monitoring Units (PMUs) created pursuant to DENR Memo No. 16, Series of 1991, based at the regional offices should assist the CENRO teams in their assigned tasks.

4. The monitoring teams/units shall submit monthly and periodic reports to the PENRO and RED concerned, copy furnish the Forest Management Bureau.
5. The PENRO's who are supposed to be members of the Provincial Price Coordinating Council to be created by the Provincial Government as lead agency, shall see to it that the provisions of Joint Administrative Order No. 1 and this circular are carried-out effectively in their respective area of jurisdiction.
6. Strict compliance with this Memorandum Circular is hereby enjoined.

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**Secretary**