

DENR Administrative Order
No. 23
July 14, 1994

SUBJECT : Expanding the Authority of the Regional Executive Directors in the Enforcement of Forestry Laws.

In the interest of the service and the consuming public, and pursuant to Republic Act No. 7581, otherwise known as the Price Act of 1991, and Presidential Decree No. 705 (PD 705), as amended, otherwise known as the revised Forestry Code of the Philippines, the Regional Executive Directors are hereby authorized to do and perform the following acts for and in behalf of the Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources:

1. To file and institute a formal charge (Appendix "A") against any person, company or entity who is found, upon verified complaint/reports supported with documents and other papers, committing any act or activity in violation of Section 79, of Presidential Decree No. 705 and Republic Act 7581, with reference to wood and other forest products;
2. To designate the RTD for Forestry, PENROs and CENROs concerned to act as the Investigation/Mediation or Prosecution Officer where their services are necessary;
3. If during mediation, respondent admits the violation, the Investigator/Mediator shall issue the decision and impose such administrative penalties provided under Republic Act No. 7581, and or Section 79 of Presidential Decree 705, as amended. If respondent does not admit the violation, the Mediation/Investigation Officer shall file a statement of violation with the Regional Office concerned;
4. The Regional Executive Director, or their duly authorized representative shall adjudicate the case and impose the appropriate administrative penalties in accordance with the applicable provisions of Republic Act 7581 and/or P.D. 705, without prejudice to criminal or

civil actions that may be taken for the same violation. Their decision on the case shall be final, unless appealed to the Secretary within ten (10) days from receipt of the decision.

This Order modifies/supersedes existing orders inconsistent herewith and shall take effect immediately.

ANGEL C. ALCALA
Secretary

Recommended by:

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