

**DENR Administrative Order
No. 96-04
February 13, 1996**

SUBJECT : Adoption of a Log Control and Monitoring System

Pursuant to PD No. 705, as amended, and E.O. No. 192 dated 10 June 1987, and in consonance with the sustainable development thrust of the Government, a Log Control and Monitoring System in the DENR is hereby adopted and the following guidelines are hereby issued for the information of all concerned.

Section 1. **Basic Policy** - Sustainability of the timber resources as a tool towards economic productivity and protection of the environment through the maintenance of an adequate balance between resource growth and timber drain are basic policies of Government.

Section 2. Objectives - In consonance with the above policy, there is a need for the establishment of an effective Log Control and Monitoring System (LCMS) with a view to attaining the following objectives:

- 2.1 Standardize gathering of timber resources data for easy storage, retrieval and audit;
- 2.2 Systematize the tracking of log and lumber flows from source to end-users;
- 2.3 Optimize utilization of the timber resources;
- 2.4 Provide information for the updating of timber/mill recovery factors from residual plantation forests;
- 2.5 Improve the collection of forest-derived revenues; and

2.6 Curtail unauthorized cutting, transportation, processing and disposition of timber and wood products.

Section 3. Coverage - The LCMS shall apply to the harvest and disposition of locally-produced logs and lumber under valid and existing license or permits issued by the Secretary or his authorized representatives. The same regulation will also apply to logs and lumber imported in accordance with regulations governing the matter.

Section 4. Aerial Photo Requirement - Timber harvest operations shall be covered by a duly approved Integrated Annual Operations Plan based on forest resources data and information that have been checked and verified using aerial photographs taken and submitted in accordance with DAO No. 92-17 dated 27 April 1992.

Section 5. CTO/CLO Tracking System - As part of the over-all Log Control and Monitoring System herein adopted, a system of tracking transport/shipping documents for timber, lumber, and lumber products using computer and similar state-of-the-art technologies shall be instituted at all levels.

Section 6. Program Support and Training - The Director, ENR-SECAL Program Management Office and the Director, Forest Management Bureau shall provide the necessary staff and financial support for the effective implementation of this order, to include but not limited to the organization of the corresponding field implementing units; assist in the preparation of the necessary action plans and programs; coordinate and monitor FPIS related activities; and the training and orientation of concerned personnel of the DENR and its publics.

Section 7. Forest Charge Deposit - For purpose of clarification, this Administrative Order hereby amends DAO 80, series of 1987, to wit: A deposit equivalent to the estimated forest charges based on the 100% inventory of harvestable trees shall be made before the conduct of harvest operations in any logging set-up or cutting block. A reconciliation between the deposited amount and the

forest charges payable based on the actual scaled volume shall be undertaken immediately after the set-up has been logged-over.

Section 8. Penalty Clause - Forest products extracted transported and/or disposed, which are violative of this Order shall be subject to confiscation, including the conveyances used in transportation of the same and shall be disposed of in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations. The lessee/permittee who owns the wood commodities shall be penalized by suspension/cancellation of operating permit and such other sanctions as may be imposed under existing rules and regulations. DENR officials who have found and verified to have violated or abetted in the violation of the provisions of this Order shall be dealt with in accordance with existing regulations governing the matter.

Section 9. Implementing Guidelines - For the effective implementation of this order, the Undersecretary for Field Operations is authorized to issue the corresponding guidelines thereof.

Section 10. Effectivity - This Order shall take effect upon acknowledgment from U.P. Law Center and after fifteen (15) days from the date of publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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