

**DENR Administrative Order
No. 97-35
December 8, 1997**

SUBJECT : Amending and Clarifying Certain Sections of DAO No. 97-08 Entitled "Governing the Entry and Disposition of Imported Logs, Lumber, Veneer, Plywood, Poles and Piles and Pulpwood Including Wood Chips"

Upon representation of the wood-based industry sector and in order to address the concern of the wood-based furniture industry which is also in dire need of wood for their furniture products and in order to provide a mechanism to facilitate the entry and disposition of imported wood materials alongside with the existing functions of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) and the Bureau of Plant Industry, Plant Quarantine Office, Department of Agriculture (BPI-PQO-DA), certain sections of DENR Administrative Order No. 97-08 (DAO 97-08) on the importation of logs, poles and piles, pulpwood, lumber, veneer, plywood and other wood-based panels, and wood chips, hereinafter referred to as imported wood materials, are hereby revised and/or amended accordingly:

Section 1. In order to address the concern of the furniture industry which is also in dire need of wood materials to be processed for their furniture products, Section 3 of DAO 97-08 is hereby revised to read as follows:

Sec. 3. Who may Import Logs, Lumber, Veneer, Plywood, Poles and Piles and Pulpwood including Chips. A holder of Timber License Agreement (TLA), Industrial Forest Management Agreement (IFMA), Wood Processing Plant Permit (WPP) or Certificate of Registration (CR) issued by DENR as

wood processor, agent, contractor or dealer of logs/lumber, may import wood materials; provided that, before availing the privilege to import, the holder of TLA, IFMA, and/or WPP shall have their existing local log and/or Lumber Dealer's permit stamped by the Office of the Regional Executive Director (RED) concerned as valid also to import wood materials without further undergoing separate registration processes called for under DAO 97-17. However, a prospective wood processor, agent, contractor, and dealer who are not holders of TLA, IFMA or WPP shall first secure the registration requirements specified under DAO 04-17.

Sec. 2. In line with the entry, discharge and transport requirements for imported wood materials Sections 5 and 6 of DAO 97-08 are hereby revised to read as follows:

Sec. 5. Entry and Discharge Requirements for Imported Wood Products. — The entry and discharge of imported wood materials shall be in accordance with the requirements and procedures of the BOC and BPI-PQO-DA, **provided**, that the Customs District Collector or his authorized agents shall require the importer or his authorized representatives to submit a copy of the Certificate of Registration validly issued by the DENR pursuant to DAO 94-17 and Section 3 of DAO 97-08; and the Plant Quarantine Officer concerned shall require the owner, agent master of the carrier, or said importer or his authorized representatives to submit the phytosanitary certificate pertaining to the imported wood materials issued by the country of origin as vital document in the issuance of inspection report **provided further**, that the services of qualified DENR-designated technical personnel shall be made available to BOC and/or BPI-PQO-DA, when officially requested by the latter.

Sec. 6. Transport Documents for Imported Wood Products. The Certificate of Registration to import wood materials granted by the DENR and the clearance of the imported commodities issued by BOC, shall be sufficient documents for the imported wood materials to be moved out of, and/or transport from the port of entry to his/her premises, consignee or consignor; provided,

that, the importer or his authorized representatives shall upon the arrival of the shipment at the port of destination, provide the CENRO concerned with photostatic copies of the following documents: (1) a Certificate of Registration or proof of authority to import; (2) the Phytosanitary Certificate indicating therein that the logs, poles and piles and/or pulpwood were properly debarked; (3) the Bill of Lading; and (4) the Summary of the Packing List.

One week after the end of each month, the CENRO concerned, through its Regional Office (RENRO), shall submit to the Director of Forest Management Bureau (FMB) the monthly report of importation on the aforesaid wood materials.

Sec. 3. With regard to storage, processing and disposition of imported materials, Section 7 of DAO 97-08 is hereby supplementary amended as follows:

Sec. 7. Storage, Processing and Disposition of Imported Wood Materials. The storage, processing and disposition of imported wood materials and reportorial procedures required thereof shall be governed by DAO 97-08 and pertinent regulations.

The **importer** who is qualified under Sec. 3 of DAO 97-08 may dispose of the imported materials or the processed or finished wood products; **provided** that their transport from the storage area or mill site to any point of consignment or sales within a given defined area allowed under existing regulations shall be accompanied by pertinent sales invoices and/or delivery receipts; provided further that the transport of said wood materials outside the defined area shall be accompanied, in addition to the corresponding sales invoice and/or delivery receipts, by photocopies of the Phytosanitary Certificate and corresponding Inspection Report, the Bill of Lading and the Summary of Packing List duly authenticated by the CENRO concerned and/or his authorized representatives.

Sec. 4. Authority to Issue Additional Instructions. The Undersecretary for Field Operations is hereby authorized to issue

additional/supplementary guidelines, circulars and/or instruction for the effective implementation of this Order and other pertinent related Orders.

Sec. 5. Effectivity. — This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

(Sgd.) VICTOR O. RAMOS
Secretary

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