

**DENR Administrative Order
No. 2000 – 55
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**SUBJECT : Rules And Regulations Governing
The Implementation Of The
Revised Price Monitoring System
(RPMS) For Forest Products**

Pursuant to Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7161 of 1991 or the Forest Charges Law”, R.A. No. 7581 known as the Price Act, Executive Order (E.O.) No. 192 and in order to generate reliable and updated market price data of selected forest products the following rules and regulations governing the implementation of the revised price monitoring system are hereby promulgated for the guidance and compliance of all concerned:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Administrative Order shall be Known as **the 'Revised Price Monitoring System (RPMS) for Forest Products'**.

SEC. 2. POLICY AND OBJECTIVES.

2.1 Basic Policy. It is the policy of the State to study the economics of forestry and forest-based industries, which includes the demand, supply and price trend situation of the country's natural resources and the different forest products derived therefrom.

2.2 Objectives. In order to attain the above policy, the following are the objectives of this Order.

2.2.1 To improve and develop the existing price monitoring system for the forest products in the country;

2.2.2 To establish active linkages and proper coordination among field offices of agencies involved in the

determination of actual FOB Market Price as provided under RA 7161;

- 2.2.3 To generate reliable and updated price data to be used as basis for the computation of forest charges of selected forest products under R.A. 7161;
- 2.2.4 To generate updated price statistics and trends to comply with the requirements of R.A. 7581;
- 2.2.5 To develop and maintain database on prices of forest products at different DENR office levels for policy development and planning purposes.

SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For the purpose of this Order, the following terms shall mean as follows:

- 3.1 FOB Market Price (FMP)** - refers to the prevailing price of forest products covered by R.A. 7161 at the designated price monitoring areas (PMAs). This price includes all charges involved in getting the product actually sold at the PMAs.
- 3.2 Domestic Retail Price (DRP)** - refers to the prevailing market retail-selling price of forest products not covered by R.A. 7161 at the CENRO's predetermined regular monitoring outlets.
- 3.3 CIF Market Price** - refers to the prevailing market price of imported products, in this case forest products covered by R.A. 7161 at the designated price monitoring areas (PMAs). CIF, which stands for costs, insurance and freight, signify that the price covers not only the costs of the products but also expenses of freight and insurance to be paid by the seller.
- 3.4 Price Monitoring Area (PMA)** - refers to a predetermined growth center either a city or a municipality where buyers and sellers operate/transact in the open market a substantial volume

of forest products (logs and/or any of the non-timber products covered under R.A. 7161), where its prices are to be monitored/collected. FMP shall be monitored/collected in PMAs only.

3.5 Reference Month - the month of the actual FMP and/or DRP survey or monitoring,

3.6 Processor-Buyer - refers to any company/business entity/individual that purchases forest products, local or imported, and uses it as input for the manufacture of a finished and semi-finished forest product, e.g. sawmills, wood-based plants, furniture makers and other wood-based manufacture

3.7 Producer-Seller - refers to a licensee/permittee/tenurial instrument holder (e.g. TLA, IFMA, PFDA, PLTP, SPLTP, Special Permittee, Rattan Permittee/Licensee, Gatherer, Non-timber Permit Holder, etc.) who is directly producing/extracting and selling logs and/or any of the non-timber forest products covered under R.A. 7161.

3.8 Revised Price Monitoring System (RPMS) - refers to the improved system of monitoring/determining the market prices of forest products following the provisions of R.A. 7161, R.A. 7581 and E.O. 192. Such RPMS includes revised price survey forms, reporting mechanisms and identified actions to be undertaken by each DENR office.

SEC. 4. THE REVISED PRICE MONITORING SYSTEM (RPMS) FORMS.

The revised forms shall be part of this Order and shall be used as follows:

4.1 To capture **FOB market price (FMP)** of selected forest products concerned under R.A. 7161 at the designated Price Monitoring Areas (PMAs).

4.1.1 **FMP 1** for FOB market price of logs. (ANNEX A)

4.1.2 **FMP 2** for FOB market price of selected non-timber forest products. (ANNEX B)

4.2 To capture at the retail outlets the **domestic retail price (DRP)** of forest products concerned under R.A. 7581 or the Price Act (basic necessities and prime commodities) and all other marketed forest products except those already covered under Section 4. 1.

4.2.1 **DRP 1** for retail price of rough lumbers. (ANNEX E)

4.2.2 **DRP 2** for retail price of wood panel products. (ANNEX F)

4.2.3 **DRP 3** for retail price of other non-timber forest products (not covered by R.A. 7161). (ANNEX G)

4.3 **A Summary Report** form for each of the survey forms mentioned in Sections 4.1 and 4.2 herein for consolidation and submission to the DENR Central Office (Annexes C, D, H, I, and J, respectively)

SEC. 5. PROCEDURES ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENT AND SUBMISSION OF THE DEFFERENT RPMS FORMS.

Accomplishment of the RPMS forms shall be handled preferably by a **registered forester or any technical personnel** from the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) and Regional Office (RENTO). However, the detailed involvement and responsibilities of these offices shall differ from each other as defined under Sec. 6 of this Administrative Order.

5.1 For FMP forms 1 and 2 and its Summary Report forms.

- 5.1.1 Only the **CENROs which have jurisdiction over the designated Price Monitoring Areas (PMAs) as indicated in Sec. 7 of this Administrative Order** shall accomplish FMP survey forms 1 and 2;
- 5.1.2 The accomplished FMP forms 1 and 2 shall be attested and endorsed by the concerned CENR Officer to its PENRO. The PENR Officer or his/her duly assigned personnel shall review the submitted price data and if found in order the PENR Officer concerned shall indorse the same (raw data) to the RENRO. The RED or his/her duly assigned personnel shall review the submitted survey forms and process the same accomplishing FMP Summary Report forms 1 and 2 for submission to the **Regional Committee on Forest Products Price Monitoring (RCFPPM)**.

The RED, pursuant to R.A. 7161, shall cause the creation of the RCFPPM that shall attest to the truthfulness, accuracy and correctness of the price data in the previously mentioned summary forms. This Committee shall be headed by the RED or his designated representative, and its members shall be composed of the representatives of the following regional offices/sectors: National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), the wood industry sector, the furniture industry sector and the consumer sector. The Committee head and its members shall affix their signatures on the summary forms to attest its contents. After which, the RED shall indorse the duly signed FMP Summary Report forms 1 and 2 to the **Director, Forest Management Bureau (FMB)** thru the **Chief, Forest Economics Division (FED)**. Meanwhile, all accomplished FMP survey forms (raw data) shall remain in the RENRO for safekeeping.

5.2 For DRP forms 1, 2 and 3 and its Summary Report forms.

5.2.1 All CENROS, with or without PMAs shall accomplish DRP forms 1, 2, and 3. The same shall be consolidated using its respective DRP Summary Report forms. The concerned CENR Officer shall attest and endorse these DRP survey forms and summary report forms to its PENR Officer,

5.2.2 The PENRO shall review the submitted DRP survey forms and summary report forms. Moreover, it shall consolidate the DRP Summary Report forms 1, 2 and 3 of its CENROs to come up with the corresponding PENRO or Provincial DRP Summary Report forms 1, 2 and 3. These summary report forms shall be attested and endorsed by the concerned PENR Officer to the RED. The DRP survey forms (raw data) and summary report forms of the CENROs shall remain in the PENRO for safekeeping;

5.2.3 The RENRO shall review and consolidate the submitted summary report forms of the PENROs to come up with the RENRO or Regional summary reports. The concerned RED shall attest and endorse the RENRO summary reports to the Director, FMB through the Chief FED. The summary report forms of the PENROs shall remain in the RENRO for safekeeping.

SEC. 6. DENR UNITS AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES -
(Flowchart of RPMS is hereto attached as ANNEX K)

6.1 At the CENRO level --- The CENRO shall have the following duties and responsibilities-

6.1.1 To all CENROs -

- a. To gather the monthly domestic retail price data of forest products from predetermined regular

monitoring retail outlets pursuant to R.A. 7581 and E.O. 192;

- b. To accomplish the Domestic Retail Price forms (DRP 1, 2 and 3) and its corresponding Summary Report forms (DRP SUMMARY REPORT 1, 2 and 3);
- c. To attest and endorse (CENR Officers) DRP 1, 2, and 3, and DRP SUMMARY REPORT 1, 2 and 3 to its respective PENROS, copy furnished the CENRO's Planning Unit, **on or before the 5th day of the month ensuing the reference month;**
- d. To develop and maintain database on prices of forest products within its areas of jurisdiction; and
- e. To coordinate with the PENRO counterparts concerning issues and problems that may arise in the implementation of this activity.

6.1.2 To CENROs with designated Price Monitoring Areas or PMAs -

- a. In addition to Section 6.1.1 of this Administrative Order, to gather the monthly FOB market price data of logs and other forest products in designated PMAs pursuant to R-A- 7161;
- b. To accomplish FOB Market Price forms (FMP 1 and 2);
- c. To attest and endorse (CENR Officers) FMP 1 and 2 to its respective PENROs, copy furnished the CENRO's Planning Unit, **on or before the 5th day of the month ensuing the reference month;**
- d. To develop and maintain database on prices of forest products within its areas of jurisdiction; and

- e. To coordinate with the PENRO counterparts concerning issues and problems that may arise in the implementation of this activity.

6.2 At the PENRO level ---The PENRO shall have the following functions.

- 6.2.1 To review the price data in the submitted FMP forms 1 and 2, and DRP (survey and summary report) forms 1, 2 and 3 by the CENROs;
- 6.2.2 To prepare the PENRO or Provincial DRP Summary Report forms 1, 2 and 3 based on the data submitted by the CENROs. (The submitted DRP (survey and summary report) forms 1, 2 and 3 shall be retained in the PENRO for safekeeping);
- 6.2.3 To attest and endorse (PENRO Officers) FMP forms 1 and 2, and the Provincial DRP Summary Report forms 1, 2 and 3 to the RENRO, copy furnished the PENRO's Planning Unit, on or before the 15th day of month ensuing the reference month;
- 6.2.4 To develop and maintain database on prices of forest products within its areas of jurisdiction; and
- 6.2.5 To coordinate with the CENRO and regional counterparts concerning issues and problems that may arise in the implementation of this activity.

6.3 At the Regional Office --- The Regional Office shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- 6.3.1 To verify, validate and check the authenticity of the price data, if deemed necessary, in the submitted FMP forms 1 and 2, and the Provincial DRP Summary Report forms 1, 2 and 3, and put on file the same forms for safekeeping;

- 6.3.2 To prepare the Regional FMP and DRP reports using, the prescribed summary report forms;
- 6.3.3 To attest and endorse (RED) the Regional FMP and DRP summary reports to the Director of FMB, thru the Chief of the FED **on or before the end of the month ensuing the reference month;**
- 6.3.4 To form and chair (RED) the Regional Committee on Forest Products Price Monitoring (RCFPPM), and insure that the accomplishment of the FMP forms are well coordinated with and properly signed by the members of the said committee (i.e. regional representatives from other concerned agencies/sectors mandated under R.A. 7161 as indicated under Sec. 5.1.2);
- 6.3.5 To request FMB's assistance in FMP survey/monitoring in case licensees/permittees reported that its Metro Manila Office controls the price data of the company;
- 6.3.6 To develop and maintain Regional database on prices of forest products; and
- 6.3.7 To coordinate with the PENRO and FMB-FED counterparts concerning issues and problems that may arise in the implementation of this activity.

6.4 The Responsibilities of the FMB - The FMB, specifically its Forest Economics Division (FED) shall act as the central repository of data. The Bureau shall have the following functions:

- 6.4.1 To undertake FMP survey/monitoring for any RENRO, which may request assistance in case licensees/permittees reported that its Metro Manil Office controls the price data of the company;

- 6.4.2 To process and disseminate the data received from the DENR field offices;
- 6.4.3 To conduct periodic validation of the price data submitted by the Regional Offices-
- 6.4.4 To initiate necessary improvement or revision of the existing, price monitoring system as the need arises;
- 6.4.5 To come up, circularize a Field Operation Manual for the detailed fill-out instructions; and
- 6.4.6 To familiarize and train the concerned Regional personnel on RPMS.

SEC. 7. DESIGNATED PRICE MONITORING AREAS

7.1 The following are the new designated price monitoring areas per region for logs and/or non-timber products covered under R.A. 7161:

Region	PMA's
CAR	Luna, Apayao Bangued, Abra Baguio City
NCR	Entire Metro Manila towns and cities
1	Dagupan City Urdaneta City San Fernando City Laoag City
2	Iligan, Isabela San Isidro, Isabela Nagtipunan, Quirino Aparri, Cagayan Sanchez Mira, Cagayan
3	Meycauayan, Bulacan Bocaue, Bulacan

	Angeles City Tarlac City Iba, Zambales
4	Ma. Aurora, Aurora Casiguran, Aurora Lucena City Real, Quezon Puerto Princesa
5	Daet, Camarines Norte Naga City Iriga City Legaspi City Sorsogon, Sorsogon Virac, Catanduanes Masbate, Masbate
6	Iloilo City Bacolod City Roxas City
7	Cebu City Mandaue City Tagbilaran City Dumaguete City
8	Catbalogan, Samar Tacloban City Borongan, Eastern Samar
9	Pagadian City Zamboanga City Dipolog City Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte
10	Cagayan de Oro City Iligan City Gingoog City Talakag Bukidnon Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon Malaybalay, Bukidnon
11	Tagum City Digos, Davao del Sur

	Davao City Maco, Compostela Valley Baganga, Davao Oriental
12	Cotabato City Midsayap, Cotabato Kidapawan City Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat Gen. Santos City Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat Lebak, Sultan Kudarat
13	Tandag, Surigao del Sur Bislig, Surigao del Sur Butuan City Cantilan, Surigao del Sur Talacogon, Agusan del Sur San Francisco, Agusan del Sur Surigao City

7.2 The Regional Executive Director concerned may designate new and additional price monitoring areas if the need arises. Provided, however, that the FMB Director is informed accordingly.

SEC. 8. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

To effectively and efficiently implement this **Order**, the submission of the prescribed price data reports is hereby included as a Key Result Area (KRA) of the Regional Offices (from CENRO to RED).

The Director of FMB is hereby instructed to submit to the DENR Assistant Secretary for Planning and Policy Studies Office (ASEC, PPSO) an annual assessment of the REDs in terms of its timeliness in submission and quality of its price reports.

In addition, all REDs are also instructed to submit an annual assessment on its PENROs and CENROs on the above-

mentioned criteria on timeliness and quality of its price reports to the Director of FMB.

Further, the FMB Director is hereby instructed to come up with and circularize a detailed instructional manual within 30-days from the approval of this Administrative ORDER.

Finally, this Administrative **ORDER** does not change the survey forms being used for monitoring of forest products covered by R.A. 7581 or the Price Act which DENR field offices are submitting to the local Offices of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Local Price Coordinating Council (LPCC). The price data of forest products required under the Price Act can be extracted from the accomplished DRP forms 1, 2 and 3.

SEC. 9. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All order, circulars and instructions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC 10. EFFECTIVITY.

This Order shall take effect immediately upon the acknowledgement by the UP Law Center and fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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