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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Regional Executive Director  
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**THRU** : The Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer  
Puerto Princesa City

**FROM** : The Community Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT** : **SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED INPUTS TO THE  
OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR ELEPS**

This has reference to the memorandum dated 11 June 2021 of Benito Antonio T. De Leon, Undersecretary for Enforcement and received by this Office on June 17, 2021 with instruction to submit proposed inputs to the operational guidelines for ELEPS particularly at the regional level.

In support to the Department Administrative Order creating ELEPS and the initial draft of Operational Guidelines, this Office would like to recommend the following for review and possible inclusion to the operational guidelines:

1. In the province of Palawan, timberland dealings (selling/buying of timberland) encroachment and illegal occupation is becoming a prevalent issue. To include guidelines and lawful approaches to address the rampant selling and buying of timberland areas;
2. Delineation of functions (administrative), channels of instructions and information from the Centralized Command System- Executive Director of ELEPS down to the CENRO level and Protected Area Management Office (PAMO);
3. To specify the administrative functions of concerned/responsible officials in the confiscation proceedings (amendment of DAO 97-32) and likewise to the disposition of confiscated items with order of finality to facilitate/accelerate disposition of confiscated items to maximize their economic value; and
4. To include guidelines in coordination with the LGUs relative to the enforcement of issued CDO, NOV and Notice to Vacate issued to illegal occupants <sup>or</sup> on land speculators on areas within salvage zone, easements pursuant to PD 1067 and PD 705.

For your information and consideration.



  
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