



Forestry Fridays 2021 Documentation

Wood Importation

Governing Policy

- DAO 2021-06: Revised Regulations Governing the Entry and Disposition of Imported Wood Products [\[link to PDF\]](#)

Lecture

- Forestry Fridays 2021 lecture by For. Luimyla Valente-Peña published in July 2021 [\[link to video\]](#)

Open Forum

Registration

- *Is there a need for a warehouse or stockyard for an applicant who wishes to import wood materials?*

No need, Section 10 states that the importer may transport their imported wood materials from their storage areas or mill sites, or it can come from within the region or straight from the port.

- *Are wood importers required to apply for another Certificate of Registration if the submitted Purchase Order has been consumed prior to its expiry date (e.g., purchase Order consumed within 2 months only)?*

Yes, they need to apply for another Certificate of Registration.

- *Is the signature of the supplier required in the Purchase Order?*

Yes, since a Purchase Order is a legally binding commercial document, it needs to be signed by the seller or foreign supplier as a confirmation of sale.

- *Is the approval of the DENR required in the Purchase Order?*

Purchase Order (PO) should be signed by both parties (foreign supplier and local importer) to attest the validity of the transaction. The PO should be verified by the DENR based on its authenticity but approval of it by the DENR is no longer necessary.

- *Is a supply contract sufficient or equivalent to a purchase order?*

No, they are not equivalent with one another. Purchase Order was replaced to relax the requirements for import industry players. Purchase Order is a valid commercial document indicating the details of the transaction, including the volume of the wood materials to be imported, name of the supplier, point of origin, and date of transaction and shipping, among others.

- *Is an authenticated copy of sale/supply contract between the agent, contractor or dealer and the foreign exporter of wood material still needed?*

Supply contract or sale is no longer a requirement.

- *If an application is filed after its expiry date, shall it be considered as a new application?*

Yes, it will be considered as new application.

- *If the renewal of an expired importation permit is treated as a new application, is the same applicable to an expired lumber dealer's registration?*

No, import permit is different from a lumber dealer's registration.

Entry and Discharge

- *Can an importer registered in Luzon be allowed to use port of entries in Visayas and/or Mindanao and directly deliver the items from suppliers abroad to their buyers/clients in those islands?*

Yes, as long as this important information will be noted and emphasized in the import permit application.

- *In case an importer of wood materials wishes to direct his wood products from point of entry to buyers outside the region or without going through the permittee's premises, will this be allowed?*

The importer shall only present sales invoice and delivery receipts if the movement of wood materials are within the same region. Sales invoice, delivery receipts, Phytosanitary Certificate, Inspection Report of quarantine officer, summary of packing list and bill of lading are the common transport documents being handed over by the Bureau of Customs upon its arrival in the ports.

Transport Documents

- *Do private entities need transport documents and Wood Import Permit to transport and import finished wood products?*

No, this DAO only covers the importation of wood raw materials provided under Section 3 of the DAO.

Fees and Bonds

- *When will the forfeiture of Forestry Bond take effect?*

Forfeiture of bond will take effect once the proponent violated any items indicated in the Terms and Conditions of the permit and in the existing policies of the DENR.

- *Will the bond previously submitted be used for every renewal application, if there is no violation committed?*

The bond can be used every renewal if there are no violations committed by the permittee.

- *Can the bond be refunded if the dealer is no longer interested to renew its registration?*

The performance bond can be refunded if the permittee is no longer interested to renew their import permit.

Report Submission

- *If a region has no wood importation/authorized ports of entry, are they required to submit a report?*

No, only the few DENR Regional Offices who issue import permits are required to submit a report.

Penalties

- *Can we apply Section 12 Penalty Clause to simple violations of provisions of permit such as items a and b of Section 11.4? What action or penalty shall be taken or imposed with this state or situation?*

This will be further clarified under the clarificatory guidelines being prepared by the FMB.