



MEMORANDUM

TO : **All Regional Executive Directors**

FROM : The Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment

SUBJECT : **INTENSIFICATION OF EXISTING GUIDELINES ON THE EXPORTATION OF RAW/UNWORKED RATTAN**

DATE : **APR 28 2021**

This pertains to the virtual meeting on Networking Committee on Trade Policies and Procedures Simplification (NCTPPS) held last April 8, 2021 organized by the Export Development Council (EDC) which was attended by various National Government Agencies as well as private entities involved in the export and import of forest products.

The activity was conducted to discuss some issues that their members believe to hinder existing operations to date. Accordingly, there is a scarcity of rattan supply in the country owing to the reported smuggling or illegal transportation of raw/unworked rattan in selected regions.

In this regard, you are hereby instructed to strengthen and intensify monitoring of harvesting and transport of all forest products, including illegal exportation of **raw rattan** within your respective area of responsibility. Per DENR Administrative Order No. 1989-04 dated January 10, 1989, the exportation of raw rattan is prohibited. Raw rattan are rattan poles which have not undergone any processing and/or manufacturing except cutting to sizes or application of preservatives.

Further, you are directed to submit a report on a quarterly basis, highlighting the list of Licensees (with issued Rattan Cutting Contract), number and volume of rattan poles harvested/collected and transported, and the corresponding recipient of the harvested/collected rattan poles (e.g. processing plants), using the attached reporting template.

Submit your report of compliance to this Office, copy furnished the Forest Management Bureau.

FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE.

ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I

cc: The Director, Forest Management Bureau

Annex A. QUARTERLY REPORT TEMPLATE

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