

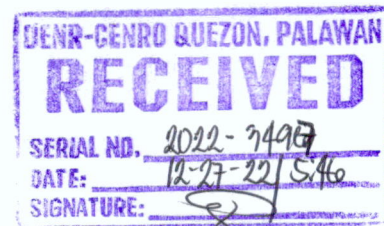
**Republic of the Philippines**  
**Department of Environment and Natural Resources**  
**MIMAROPA Region**

**DENR MIMAROPA Region**  
**Rep. by RED Lornelyn E. Claudio**  
*Complainant,*

**DENR CASE No. M-02-22-A**

**-Versus-**

**for:**



**SALDO TUMANONG**  
*Forest Ranger*  
*Respondent*  
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**For: Section 50 (A) (9), Rule 10;  
Section 50 (A) (10), Rule 10 of the  
2017 RACCS in relation to Section 7  
(d) of R.A. No. 6713; and Section 50  
(D) (2), Rule 10 of the 2017 RACCS**

**ANSWER**

RESPONDENT, **SALDO M. TUMANONG** by himself and before this Honorable Office most respectfully avers that:

1. I received copy of the Formal Charge dated August 22, 2022 only on December 06, 2022 requiring me to submit my Answer in writing under oath in not less than three (3) days but not more than ten (10) days from receipt thereof;
2. Pursuant thereto, I have until December 16, 2022 within which to file Answer, thus, the filing of the foregoing answer is within the period required by the court;
3. On December 16, 2022, I filed a Motion for Extension of Time to File an Answer for an additional period of ten (10) days or until December 26, 2022 for reasons stated therein;
4. I hereby deny all the allegations stated in the herein formal charges;
5. There is no substantial evidence nor was there any single witness to support all the allegations of violation of Section 50 (A) (9) of Rule 10 of the 2017 RACCS as well as Section 50 (A) (10) of Rule 10 of the 2017 RACCS in relation to Section 7 (d) of R.A. 6713; and Section 50 (D) (2) of 20177 RACCS as stated in the formal charges;
6. My admission per my letter dated October 31, 2019 was in response to the Memorandum issued by the CENRO – Officer, which lacks specific details of CTPO holder or holders, that became the basis of the herein formal charges. The said memorandum are founded on a purely hearsay;
7. It is the humble submission by the herein Respondent that for failure to specify the name or names of CTPO holder or holders in the memorandum which is founded on a purely hearsay basis, the

complaint or formal charge is defective, which will violate my Constitutional Right to Confront the Witness and of my right of Due Process in the Administrative Case;

8. In my more than ten (10) years of government service, this is the first time that I have been formally charged of administrative offenses. To the best of knowledge and abilities I am continuously performing my job well;
9. With the herein charges, I hereby undertake and commit my self to be more prudent in all my dealings so as not drag down the name of the office and institution that I serve; and
10. I hereby appeal to the compassion of the Honorable Office to carefully study and decide the case according to the rights of the herein Respondent, subject to applicable laws and jurisprudence on the matter.

**PREMISES CONSIDERED**, it is respectfully prayed that the complaint filed be dismissed for lack of substantial evidence and for violation of the right to confront the witness and of Due Process in the administrative case.

Other reliefs that are just and proper under the premises are likewise prayed for.

  
**SALDO M. TUMANONG**


Respondent

CRN.: 006-0025-1689-7

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**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN** to before me, a Notary Public for the Province of Palawan and in the Municipality of Quezon, this day of DEC 24 2022 in the Municipality of Quezon, Palawan, affiant personally appeared, who is personally known to me and exhibited to me proof of his identity details of which was written below his name and signature.

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**ATTY. RYAN T. PACABIS**  
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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE ANSWER**

Respondent, by himself, unto this Honorable Office of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-MIMAROPA Region, most respectfully states that:

1. I received copy of the Formal Charge dated August 22, 2022 only on December 06, 2022 requiring me to submit my Answer in writing under oath in not less than three (3) days but not more than ten (10) days from receipt thereof;
2. Pursuant thereto, I have until December 16, 2022 within which to file Answer, thus, the filing of the foregoing answer is within the period required by the above-mentioned office;
3. Due to the weight of the formal charge, I am constrained to hire for the services of a counsel, ask for the participation of my witnesses and gather relevant evidence for my Answer;
4. However, I am still about to engage/hire the services of a counsel due to the unavailability of the counsels in the municipality; also, I am still on the process of securing the availability and participation of my witnesses, hence, I am filing herein motion humbly requesting for an extension of ten (10) days from December 16, 2022 or until December 26, 2022 within which to file my Answer;
5. The foregoing motion was made not to intentionally prolong the investigation or resolution of this case but solely due to aforementioned reason; and
6. It is my humble request that this motion be favorably granted.

**DONE this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 in the Municipality of Quezon,**  
**Province of Palawan.**

  
**SALDO M. TUMANONG**  
**Respondent**





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**FORMAL CHARGE**

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9. 20. 2022

**MARLENE M. BADILLA**  
Admin. Asst. III / Records Officer-Designate  
Legal Division, DENR MIMAROPA Region

For consideration is the Memorandum dated January 7, 2020 of then OIC, PENR Officer of Palawan Eriberto B. Saños recommending that an appropriate sanction be imposed against you for your act of escorting/delivering lumber from Certificate of Tree Plantation Ownership (CTPO) holders to lumber yards in Puerto Princesa City. Further, a verbal complaint from a CTPO holder alleged that you have an unsettled monetary obligation with them.

Under Section 19 of the *2017 Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service (2017 RACCS)*, a preliminary investigation may be conducted by *ex-parte* evaluation of the records. Moreover, when the complaint is initiated by the disciplining authority, it or its authorized representative shall issue a show-cause order directing the person complained of to explain within the same period why no administrative case should be filed against the said person. The failure to submit a comment/counter-affidavit/explanation shall be considered a waiver thereof.

On October 31, 2019, a Memorandum was issued by CENR Officer Leonard T. Caluya of Quezon, Palawan directing you to submit within seventy-two (72) hours a written explanation why no administrative sanction should be imposed against you.

In your written explanation dated November 7, 2019, you admitted that you indeed borrowed money from the CTPO holder due to some unexpected financial needs of your family. However, you denied escorting the delivery of lumber but nevertheless admitted hitching in one of the trucks of a CTPO holder during the delivery of lumber.

After a careful evaluation of all the documents submitted, there is a *prima facie* case to formally charge you with the following:

1. Contracting loans of money xxx from persons with whom the office of the employee has business relations, pursuant to **Section 50 (A) (9), Rule 10 of the 2017 RACCS**;
2. Soliciting or accepting directly or indirectly, any xxx loan xxx in the course of one's official duties or in connection with any operation being regulated by, or any transaction which may be affected the functions of one's office xxx, pursuant to **Section 50 (A) (10), Rule 10 of the 2017 RACCS** in relation to **Section 7 (d) of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 6713** which states that: (d) Solicitation or acceptance of gifts. — Public officials and employees shall not solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any xxx loan xxx from any person in the course of their official duties or in connection with any operation being regulated by, or any transaction which may be affected by the functions of their office; and,

3. Simple misconduct, pursuant to **Section 50 (D) (2), Rule 10 of the 2017 RACCS.**

**WHEREFORE**, premises considered, you are hereby ordered **TO SUBMIT YOUR ANSWER IN WRITING UNDER OATH IN NOT LESS THAN THREE (3) DAYS BUT NOT MORE THAN TEN (10) DAYS FROM RECEIPT HEREOF.** Indicate in your Answer whether or not you elect to have a formal investigation. You are advised that you may opt to be assisted by a counsel.

**SO ORDERED.**

City of Manila, this AUG 22 2022.

  
**LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV**  
Regional Executive Director 

*Copy furnished:*

*Saldo Tumanong*  
*CENRO Quezon, Palawan*

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*PENRO Palawan*

*Administrative Division*

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*Jan 9. 21. 2122*

**MARLENE M. BADILLA**


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