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MEMORANDUM

FOR : All Regional Executive Directors

FROM : The OIC Assistant Secretary for Field Operations-Western Mindanao and Director, in concurrent capacity

SUBJECT : **CLARIFICATION ON THE ISSUANCE OF PRIVATE TREE PLANTATION REGISTRATION (PTPR) AND PRIVATE LAND TIMBER PERMIT (PLTP)**

DATE : OCT 13 2023

With the number of inquiries from the DENR regional and field offices regarding the issuance of Private Tree Plantation Registration (PTPR) under DAO No. 2020-18 or *Promoting Tree Plantation Development and Liberalizing Harvesting and Transport of Planted Trees and Tree Derivatives for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development*, and Private Land Timber Permit (PLTP) under DAO No. 2000-21 or the *Revised Guidelines in the Issuance of Private Land Timber Permit/Special Private Land Timber Permit*, please be guided of the following clarifications:

1. Based on DAO No. 2020-18, PTPR covers planting, harvesting, and transport of planted trees in registered private tree plantations. Section 6 provides that, private landowners are encouraged to establish tree plantations, harvest, and transport the same as they seem fit. Based on this provision, the private landowner is required to register the tree plantation immediately following the planting of seedlings hence, PTPR should not be issued to private lands with existing plantations and mature trees (not plantations) ready for harvesting.
2. On the other hand, Private Land Timber Permit (PLTP)/Special Private Land Timber Permit (SPLTP) is a permit issued for the cutting, gathering, and utilization of naturally-grown trees in private titled lands and planted premium tree species under DAO No. 2000-21.

With the issuance of DAO No. 2022-10 or the *Revised DENR Manual of Authorities on Technical Matters*, the cutting and utilization of planted trees in private titled lands (not tree plantation) was also subjected to the issuance of PLTP/SPLTP, in which the CENRO/implementing PENRO is the approving authority, and

3. Considering that there are still no third-party certifiers accredited by the DENR, the authorized licensed and permanent foresters of the DENR Regional Offices shall certify and sign the transport certificates particularly Annex A and Annex C of DAO No. 2020-18. The said prescribed templates may not require the signatures of the CENRO/implementing PENRO as the responsibility of issuing the certificate is already bestowed to the designated DENR foresters who conducted actual inspection of the logs/lumber to be transported. We however advise to update the list of authorized foresters as we have observed that there are Foresters with expired licenses.

We hope that these clarifications will put things in order vis-à-vis issuance of PTPRs and PLTPs by the regional offices.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND COMPLIANCE, PLEASE.


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DENR Administrative Order
No. 2020- 18

**SUBJECT : PROMOTING TREE PLANTATION DEVELOPMENT AND
LIBERALIZING HARVESTING AND TRANSPORT OF
PLANTED TREES AND TREE DERIVATIVES FOR
INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended, governing the utilization and management of forest resources and Executive Order No. 192 Series of 1987 mandating the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, development and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources, as well as the licensing and regulation of all natural resources as may be provided by law to ensure sustainable supply of wood and equitable sharing of the benefits derived from the forests for the welfare of the present and future generations the following guidelines are hereby promulgated in order to promote tree plantation development and liberalize harvesting and transport of planted trees and tree derivatives.

Section 1. Basic Policy. It is the policy of the State to ensure the sustainable use, development, management, renewal and conservation of the country's forest and other natural resources.

Sec. 2. Objectives. This aims to accelerate the establishment of tree plantations in production forest lands to meet the wood requirements of the country by simplifying the requirements in the harvest and transport of planted trees and tree derivatives and encourage tree plantation development in private lands.

Sec. 3. Scope and Coverage. This Order shall cover plantation establishment, certification, harvesting and transport of planted trees and tree derivatives in forest lands with existing tenure or management arrangement and in registered private tree plantations. Consistent with the provision of Executive Order No. 23, naturally grown trees within forest lands shall not be cut or harvested.

The gathering/ harvesting and transport of saps and resins, though considered as tree derivatives, shall be governed by other specific policy.

Sec. 4. Definition of Terms. The terms shall be defined in these guidelines as follows:

- a. Tree Derivatives – any material extracted or taken from trees such as but not limited to roots, bark, stump, branches, leaves, and the like.
- b. Tree Plantation Certifier – any registered corporation/group engaged in forestry services and registered or accredited by the DENR to certify that harvested logs and tree derivatives for transport are planted from tree plantations.

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- c. Licensed Forester – any person with up to date registration to the Professional Regulatory Commission-Board of Foresters.
- d. Private land – any land belonging to any private person or group of person or juridical entity by virtue of statutory and/or customary laws including tax-declared alienable and disposable lands, judicial title, OCT, TCT, CLOA.
- e. Vertical Integration – a strategy in improving production efficiency of wood-based enterprises by controlling two or more process in the supply chain such as: a) tree growing, b) harvesting, c) wood processing, d) value adding and e) distribution/marketing.

Sec. 5. Planted Trees in Forest Lands with Tenure or Management Arrangement.

Holders of DENR tenure agreements or management arrangements inside production forest lands shall follow these harvesting and transportation guidelines:

- 1. All activities (i.e. planting, harvesting, and wood processing schedules) in the area shall be in accordance with the approved management plan (i.e. Comprehensive Development and Management Plan, Indicative Development Plan, among others) as required under existing regulations;
- 2. Prior to harvesting of planted trees, a 5% inventory shall be conducted by licensed Foresters based on existing laws, rules and regulations. The prescribed timber inventory report should be signed by a duly licensed Forester and submitted to the CENR Office/Implementing PENR Office for information, database, and monitoring purposes.
- 3. Transport of harvested logs and tree derivatives:
 - a. Logs and tree derivatives to be transported outside the tenured area shall be accompanied by the original copy of Certification stating that the products are from tenured/managed forest plantations. The Certification shall be issued by a third-party tree plantation certifier duly registered or accredited by the DENR. The said Certification (see Annex A) shall be displayed prominently in the vehicle where the products will be carried, and a copy submitted to the CENR Office for information and database.
 - b. Logs and tree derivatives that will only be utilized within the tenured/managed area shall not need any Certification.

Sec. 6. Planted Trees in Private Lands. Private landowners are hereby encouraged to establish tree plantations, harvest, and transport the same as they seem fit. Private landowners shall follow these harvesting and transportation guidelines:

- 1. When a private landowner will engage in tree plantation, he/she shall register said tree plantation to the nearest CENR Office/Implementing PENRO (see Annex B). No fees shall be collected by the CENRO/Implementing PENRO for these services.
- 2. No Tree Cutting Permit and Self-Monitoring Form (SMF) are required in harvesting and transporting harvested logs from registered tree plantations. Only the Certification issued by a third-party tree plantation certifier duly registered or accredited by the DENR shall be secured, for harvesting and transporting said logs/trees.
- 3. For ease of transport, the logs and tree derivatives shall be accompanied by original copy of Certification stating that the products are from the landowner's private property. The Certification shall be issued by a third-party tree plantation certifier duly registered or accredited by the DENR. The Certification (see Annex C) shall be displayed prominently in the vehicle where the log and derivative will be

carried, and a copy submitted to the CENR Office/Implementing PENRO for information and database.

4. When the logs and tree derivatives will only be used inside the landowner's private property, no Certification shall be needed.

Sec. 7. Liberalizing the Setting up of Wood Processing Plants. Private landowners with registered tree plantations and holders of tenure agreements or management arrangements may apply and establish their own wood processing plant (WPP) to encourage vertical integration, in compliance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

Sec. 8. Tree Plantation Certification Training. Within three (3) months from the issuance of this Order, the Forest Management Bureau shall develop a training program for tree plantation certification and issue the necessary guidelines for the recognition of third-party certifiers, responsibility and accountability, including penalties and liabilities in case of violations of certifiers, certification fees, among others. Only duly licensed Foresters of recognized corporations/group shall be considered for certification training.

Sec. 9. Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting. The DENR through the Forest Management Bureau shall develop a monitoring, assessment and reporting system to be implemented by the DENR field offices.

Sec. 10. Strengthening Research and Development. The Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau in coordination with the Forest Management Bureau shall develop a strengthened research and development programs on tree plantation establishment and management to assist tree plantation owners.

Sec. 11. Transitory Provision. During the period that there are no private third-party tree plantation certifiers, licensed and permanent foresters from the Forest Management Bureau and the Regional, Provincial and Community Offices of the DENR shall certify plantation developers, free of charge. Only third-party certifiers recognized by the DENR shall be allowed to certify plantation developers after one year from the issuance of this Order.

Sec. 12. Separability Clause. Should any provision or part of this Order be declared unconstitutional, those not affected shall remain to be in force and full effect.

Sec. 13. Repealing Clause. All other DENR circulars, orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith shall be amended or repealed accordingly.

Sec. 14. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon submission to the Office of the National Administration Registrar (ONAR) from the UP Law Center.


ROY A. CIMATU
Secretary



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ANNEX A

**TRANSPORT CERTIFICATE
OF PLANTED TREES IN TENURED/MANAGED FOREST PLANTATIONS**

This is to certify that the logs and/or derivatives contained in this shipment are planted trees from the Tenured/Managed Forest Plantations.

Tenure Holder	
Contact No.	
Location	
Total Area	
Species	
Total Volume	

Forest Certifier	
Accreditation No.	
Contact Details	

Authorized Signature

Date Certified

This certification is issued pursuant to existing rules and regulations of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). The DENR and other deputized government agencies may conduct random inspection of shipments. The shipment owner and forest certifier shall both be held liable for any violations found herein.

ANNEX B

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Regional Office ____ | PENRO ____

CENRO ____

PRIVATE TREE PLANTATION REGISTRATION

No. ____

Owner's Basic Information

Name	
Permanent Address	
Contact Number	
Email Address	

Tree Plantation Location

OCT/TCT No			
Barangay/s			
Municipality/ies			
Province			
Total Lot Area		Total Lot Area Devoted to Plantation	
Tree Species to be Planted			

Attachments

	Certified True Copy of OCT/TCT
	GIS generated map of Tree Plantation

I hereby certify that the above information are true and correct.

Signature over Printed Name of Applicant

Date Submitted

I hereby certify that the above information are verified and the Private Tree Plantation registration is approved:

Signature over Printed Name of CENR Officer

Date Approved

ANNEX C

TRANSPORT CERTIFICATE OF PLANTED TREES IN PRIVATE LANDS

This is to certify that the logs and/or derivatives contained in this shipment are planted trees from the Tenured/Managed Forest Plantations.

Landowner	
Contact No.	
Location	
Total Area	
Species	
Total Volume	

Forest Certifier	
Accreditation No.	
Contact Details	

Authorized Signature

Date Certified

This certification is issued pursuant to existing rules and regulations of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). The DENR and other deputized government agencies may conduct random inspection of shipments. The shipment owner and forest certifier shall both be held liable for any violations found herein.

DENR Administrative Order
No. 2000- 21
February 28, 2000

**SUBJECT : Revised Guidelines In The
Issuance Of Private Land Timber
Permit/Special Private Land
Timber Permit (PLTP/SPLTP).**

Pursuant to P.D. 705 as amended, E.O. 192 and in consonance with the policy of the State towards the sustainable development of natural resources as well as the recognition of the rights of private landowners, and consistent with the agricultural development program of the government and in order to supplement the source of log requirement of the wood industry, revised guidelines in the issuance of Private Land Timber Permit are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

SECTION 1. Definitions - For the purpose of this Order, the terms enumerated hereunder shall be defined as follows:

- a) **Private Land Timber Permit (PLTP)** - a permit issued to a landowner for the cutting, gathering and utilization of naturally-grown trees in private lands.
- b) **Special Private Land Timber Permit (SPLTP)** - a permit issued to a landowner specifically for the cutting, gathering and utilization of premium hardwood species including Benguet pine, both planted and naturally -grown trees.
- c) **Private Lands** - land(s) covered by either administrative or juridical Titles such as Free Patent, Homestead and Sales Patent, and Torrens Titles obtained under the Land Registration Act (Act No. 496, as amended), or under the Public Land Law (Commonwealth Act No. 141), Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA) covering certified A and D lands issued to farmer-beneficiaries under the Comprehensive

Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) or the Republic Act No. 6657 (R.A. 6657) shall be included in areas that can be applied for PLTP/SPLTP. Realty tax declaration, by itself, shall not be acceptable as proof of ownership, for purposes of PLTP/SPLTP applications.

- d) **Naturally grown tree** - any naturally occurring or growing tree with woody stem, regardless of size and economic utility or end-use, including the parts thereof such as stumps, tops and branches.
- e) **Forest Charge** - a levy being imposed by the government on each cubic meter of timber cut, the amount of which is specified in the implementing rules and regulations of R.A. 7161.
- f) **Premium hardwood species** - tree species listed as such under pertinent rules and regulations.
- g) **Planted tree** - any artificially grown/planted tree with a woody stem, regardless of age, size and economic utility or end-use.

SEC. 2 Private Land Timber Permit/Special Private Land Timber Permit (PLTP/SPLTP) - No person, association or corporation shall cut, gather, transport, dispose and/or utilize naturally grown trees or parts thereof or planted premium tree species, inside titled private lands unless authorized to do so under a PLTP/SPLTP issued by the Secretary, DENR or his/her authorized representative.

SEC. 3. Persons qualified for a permit - Only the owner of a private land defined under this Order may qualify to apply for and be granted a PLTP/SPLTP.

SEC. 4. Application requirement - The following requirements shall be submitted by applicants for PLTP/SPLTP:

4.1 Letter of Application;

- 4.2 Authenticated copy of land title/CLOA with approved sketch map of the area applied for;
- 4.3 Development Plan, if Application covers ten (10) hectares or larger with at least 50% of the area covered with forest trees;
- 4.4 Endorsement from any of the following LGU officials; a) Barangay Chairman, b) Municipal/City Mayor, or c) Provincial, Governor;
- 4.5 Endorsement by local agrarian reform officer for areas covered by CLOA; and
- 4.6 Inventory fee based on existing regulations.

SEC. 5 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) - The applicants to cut, gather and harvest naturally grown trees or parts thereof within titled private lands are required to submit to the concerned DENR Office an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) which shall be made as basis for the issuance of an ECC.

SEC. 6. Timber Inventory - In addition to the application requirements stipulated in Sec. 4 hereof, a 100% inventory shall be undertaken by Registered Forester(s) over the area where the trees/forest resources are located. The said inventory shall be in accordance with the following guidelines:

- 6.1 Prepare a map of the subject area at appropriate scale where relevant information shall be indicated e.g. soil cover, river/stream, slope class, etc.;
- 6.2 Before the inventory is done, at least one corner of the titled lot shall be tied up to the nearest forest zone corner and/or BLLM which shall be indicated on the map;
- 6.3 The forester(s) shall measure the diameter at breast height (dbh) and/or above buttressed (dab) and merchantable

height/length of the trees in the lot to the nearest centimeter and meter, respectively;

6.4 All the tallied trees shall be numbered consecutively and charted on the map stated in item 6.1 hereof. Moreover, the FIRST and LAST trees tallied shall be photographed as well as the panoramic view of the subject titled lot;

6.5 The volume of each tallied trees shall be computed based from the equation for standing trees applicable for the locality. The stand and stock tables shall be prepared by species and species group (i.e. premium species, common hardwoods, construction and furniture woods, light hardwoods, and lesser used/lesser known species (LUS/LKS); and

6.6 The timber inventory report must be subscribed and sworn to by all the forest officers who conducted the same, All documents required hereto shall be attached to the report (e.g. original tally sheets, photographs, tree charting, etc.).

The CENRO and LGU representative concerned shall validate the submitted inventory report and submit their findings and recommendations to the issuing authorities through channels.

Likewise, the CENRO shall verify the status of the land (A and D or forest land) applied for PLTP/SPLTP prior to the conduct of timber inventory.

SEC. 7 Issuing Authority All cutting permit applications under SPLTP shall be issued by the RED for volume not exceeding ten (10) cubic meters and Secretary, DENR for volume in excess of ten (10) cubic meters. In the case of PLTP, approval of volume not exceeding fifty (50) cubic meters shall be vested on the Regional Executive Directors while volume more than fifty (50) cubic meters shall be approved by the Secretary, DENR.

SEC. 8 Tenure The tenure of the PLTP/SPLTP shall be dependent upon the allowable cut granted following the

schedule provided below but shall not exceed one (1) year at any one time. Provided that only one (1) permit shall be issued over the titled property within a period of one (1) year. Provided, further, that extension of the permit may be allowed for a similar period.

VOLUME			DURATION/TENURE
1	-	50 cu.m.	50 days
51	-	70 cu.m.	60 days
71	-	100 cu.m.	90 days
101	-	200 cu.m.	120 days
201	-	300 cu.m.	150 days
301	-	500 cu.m.	6 months
501	-	650 cu.m.	7 months
651	-	750 cu.m.	8 months
751	-	850 cu.m.	9 months
851	-	950 cu.m.	10 months
951	-	1000 cu.m.	11 months
1001	-	up cu.m.	1 year

SEC. 9 Payment of Forest Charges All naturally grown trees cut inside private lands shall be subject to payment of forest charges pursuant to R.A. 7161 and its implementing rules and regulations.

SEC. 10 Disposition - In order to augment the raw material requirements of wood-based industries in the province or region, the RED concerned in coordination with the local officer of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) may recommend to the Secretary, DENR, to retain a portion up to 50 percent (50%) of the volume allowed to be cut by the PLTP/SPLTP permittee.

SEC. 11. Transport Requirements - The transport of wood materials shall be accompanied by the following:

11.1 For logs/lumber, original copies of:

- 11.1.1 Certificate of Origin
- 11.1.2 Tally Sheets
- 11.1.3 Auxiliary Invoice
- 11.1.4 Official Receipt of Payment of Forest Charges

11.2 For finished products, original copy of Delivery receipt/sales invoice accompanied by tally sheets.

SEC. 12. Prohibitions - The cutting and/or transport of naturally grown trees under PLTP/SPLTP shall be subject to the following limitations:

- 12.1 No cutting of trees within 20 meters on both sides of the road unless such trees have been determined to pose danger to life and property.
- 12.2 No cutting of trees on a strip 20 meters wide on both sides of creeks or rivers bordering or traversing private land, for stream bank protection. Provided that in case said 20-meter strip is bereft of trees, the same shall be reforested by the permittee.
- 12.3 In areas covered by the logging ban/moratorium, no round log or lumber shall be transported outside the province where the PLTP/SPLTP is located unless authorized by the Secretary, DENR.
- 12.4 Selective cutting shall be undertaken in areas 18% in slope or greater.

SEC. 13 Monitoring - The cutting and transport of timber products from PLTP/SPLTP shall be subject to the following conditions:

- 13.1 Monitoring in the cutting and transport of forest products from PLTP/SPLTP areas shall be conducted by CENRO concerned and a representative of the Multi-Sectoral Forest

Protection Committee and/or Local Government Unit concerned.

- 13.2 The CENRO and LGU representatives concerned shall conduct post harvest inventory of stumps after the expiration of the permit and a report submitted to the RED concerned, copy furnished FMB.

SEC. 14. Penal Provisions Any log/lumber or finished-wood products covered by these regulations which are transported without the prescribed documents shall be considered illegal and, therefore, subject to confiscation in favor of the government and shall be disposed in accordance with laws, rules and regulations governing the matter.

DENR Officials found issuing defective certificate of origin and other transport documents required in this Order shall be subject to suspension without prejudice to the imposition of other penalties as may be warranted by extant Civil Service laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 15. Repealing Clause - All orders, circulars and/or instructions inconsistent herewith are hereby repeated and/or modified accordingly.

SEC. 16. Effectivity - This Order shall take effect immediately upon the acknowledgement by the UP Law Center and fifteen (15) days after publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

(Sgd.) **ANTONIO H. CERILLES**
Secretary

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DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2022 - 10

**SUBJECT : REVISED DENR MANUAL OF AUTHORITIES ON
TECHNICAL MATTERS**

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 366 entitled "Directing a Strategic Review of the Operations and Organizations of the Executive Branch and Providing Options and Incentives for Government Employees Who may be Affected by the Rationalization of the Functions of the Agencies of the Executive Branch" and to effectively implement the new DENR Organizational Structure in its regional and field offices and further simplify and facilitate transactions regarding technical matters, DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2016-07, otherwise known as the DENR Manual of Authorities on Technical Matters, is hereby amended for the guidance of all concerned.

All Offices of the DENR, including its bureaus, attached agencies, foreign-assisted and special projects and programs and field offices shall adhere to the provisions of this Revised Manual which forms part of this Order.

This Order supersedes DAO No. 2016-07 and all other orders and circulars inconsistent herewith involving delegated authority.

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon acknowledgment of receipt of a copy thereof by the Office of the National Administrative Register, UP Law Center.

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MANUAL OF AUTHORITIES

SUBJECT: LICENSES, PATENTS AND DEEDS		
Cutting/Harvesting Permits		
ACTIVITY	LIMITS OF AUTHORITY	APPROVING/ISSUING AUTHORITY
9. Issuance of Special Private Land Timber Permit/Private Land Timber Permit (PLTP) for cutting of trees within Titled/Private Lands	Naturally grown trees	RED
	Planted Trees (not tree plantation)	CENRO/PENRO in the case of Implementing PENRO
10. Issuance of Certificate of Bamboo Plantation Registration	Cutting/harvesting of bamboo within Forest lands, Mineral lands, Agricultural lands (Alienable and Disposable lands), Titled/Private Lands	CENRO/PENRO in the case of Implementing PENRO
11. Issuance of Tapping, Extraction, Collection Permit (TECP) ⁹	Tapping, Extraction, Collection of Gums, Resins, Oil, and Exudates	RED
12. Issuance of Private Tree Plantation Registration (PTPR)		CENRO/PENRO in the case of Implementing PENRO

⁹ Per DAO No. 2021-33 (Guidelines Governing the Tapping, Extraction, Collection and Transport of Gums, Resins, Oils and Exudates)

