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DENR Administrative Order
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SUBJECT : Interim Guidelines for the Establishment of a Special Use of Forestland for Herbal/Medicinal Plantation

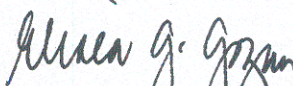
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 64 of Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended, Executive Order No. 192, Series of 1987, and in order to facilitate the establishment and development of medicinal/herbal plantation in the country, this interim guideline is hereby implemented for the guidance of all concerned:

1. The existing provisions, rules and regulations governing the granting of leases or permits for special uses of forestland, other than IFMA, SIFMA and grazing purposes, are hereby adopted in the establishment of special use of forestland for herbal/medicinal plantation; and
2. Pending the conduct of an appropriate study, the government share for special use of forestlands solely for medicinal/herbal plantation development is set as follows:

FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (Php 500.00) per hectare and fraction thereof and to be increased cumulatively by ten percent (10%) every year without prejudice to adjustment in the future after an appropriate study on the determination of economic rent for government lands used for medicinal/herbal plantation development has been undertaken.

3. Permit, survey and all other fees shall be in accordance with the administrative fees imposed for forestry activities.
4. The Forest Management Bureau (FMB) is directed to conduct, in coordination with other DENR offices/bureaus and other appropriate government agencies, an economic study to determine the appropriate rate of government share that the DENR shall collect for medicinal/herbal plantation. Also, the economic study that will be done on the subject matter should include the appropriate tenurial instrument to be used and the relevant rules, regulations and incentives that will be imposed thereto.

This order supersedes all orders, circulars, and instructions inconsistent herewith and takes effect immediately upon acknowledgement by the UP Law Center and fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.


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