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**MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY**

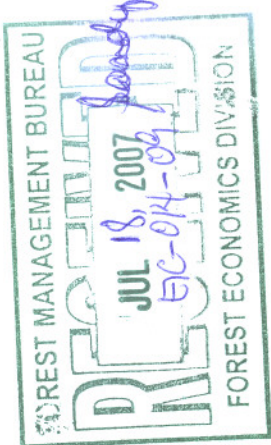
**TO :** The Director, Forest Management Bureau  
All DENR Regional Executive Directors  
All PENROs, CENROs and all other concerned personnel

**SUBJECT :** LIFTING THE SUSPENSION OF HARVESTING AND TRANSPORTING OF PLANTED TREES/TIMBER CUT IN PLANTATION FOREST COVERED BY FORESTRY TENURE INSTRUMENTS

**DATE :** JUL 12 2007


This is in line with the various requests to allow the harvesting and transporting of planted trees cut in plantation forest covered by tenurial instruments in forestlands. In order to create new job opportunities as well as augment the raw materials for forest-based industries, which include the wood-based furniture, handicraft and other wood-based downstream industries, the following instructions are hereby issued for all concerned:

- a. The suspension of harvesting and transporting of planted trees cut in plantation forest covered by forestry tenure instruments is hereby lifted nationwide except in the provinces of Aurora, Lanao del Norte and municipalities of Infanta, Real and General Nakar in Quezon;
- b. Only holders of existing tenurial instruments issued by DENR who have satisfactorily met all the requirements set in the performance evaluation to be conducted by DENR, and have no pending case or violation on the terms and conditions of their agreements, as well as existing laws, rules and regulations, are allowed to harvest and transport their planted trees cut from forest plantation and tree farms, subject to existing rules and regulations on the matter;
- c. The harvesting of trees must be covered by an approved and/or existing long term plan and/or duly approved operations plan, whichever is applicable, under existing DENR regulations. The plan should specify the area with maps (blocked in accordance with Memorandum from the Secretary dated 01 December 2004) UTM blocking and volume to be harvested by species;



- d. Following the procedures and requirements mentioned under items a and b, the Regional Executive Director shall be the issuing authority of cutting permits;
- e. Regular performance evaluation of tenure instruments holders shall be conducted using the criteria and indicators for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM); and
- f. The principle of command responsibility and accountability of the field implementers, headed by the concerned RED down to the CENRO level, shall at all times be a matter of policy and shall strictly be enforced. Any violation committed by the tenurial instrument holders, transporters and/or DENR personnel shall be dealt with accordingly pursuant to existing DENR and Civil Service laws, rules and regulations.

**FOR INFORMATION AND STRICT COMPLIANCE.**

  
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