

**[DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2003-21,
June 17, 2003]**

**AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 99-53 (THE REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE INTEGRATED FOREST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
(IFMP))**

Pursuant to Presidential Decree 705 of 1975, as amended, Executive Order (EO) 725 dated September 9, 1981, EO 278 dated July 25, 1987, EO 192 dated June 10, 1987 and EO 292 dated July 25, 1987 and Sec. 2, Article XII of the 1987 Constitution, and in order to provide standard procedure in the processing of application for conversion of Timber License Agreement (TLA) to an Integrated Forest Management Agreement (IFMA), Section 9 of Department Administrative Order No. 99-53 is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 9.1 Qualified Applicants for IFMA. — Any natural or juridical person who possesses the following qualifications may apply for an IFMA:

9.1.1 New application

9.1.1.1 A Filipino citizen of legal age; or, a registered single proprietorship company;

9.1.1.2 Partnership, cooperative or corporation whether public or private, duly registered under Philippine laws.

9.1.2 TLA holders who opt to convert their TLAs to IFMAs, subject to Section 9.2 hereunder;

SECTION 9.2 Conditions under which conversion can be allowed. — For a TLA to be converted town IFMA, the following conditions shall have been satisfied:

9.2.1 TLA holder shall have signified in writing such intention for conversion not later than one (1) year prior to the date of expiration of the TLA to the Secretary; and

9.2.2 The applicant has shown satisfactory performance on the management and operation of the TLA and has complied with the terms and conditions thereof, as evidenced by a comprehensive performance evaluation commissioned, or undertaken, by authority of the Secretary.

As a matter of procedure, the satisfactory performance and compliance to the terms and conditions of the TLA and pertinent rules and regulations should be determined based on performance standards and