

**[DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 98-11,
March 19, 1998]**

TEMPORARY LIFTING OF THE BAN ON LUMBER EXPORT

In order to help stabilize the foreign exchange rate of the Philippine peso which has been adversely affected by the regional economic crisis and in order to get the optimum value of Philippine hardwood while using imported wood for ordinary construction, this Department in consultation with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is temporarily lifting the ban on lumber exports imposed under DENR Administrative Order No. 19, dated 17 March 1989.

The lifting of the ban is, however, subject to the following conditions:

1. Only TLA — and IFMA-holders with approved Integrated Annual Operations Plan (IAOPs) shall qualify for an export permit;
2. Only KD lumber produced and processed locally shall be allowed for export;
3. A floor price shall be established periodically for the lumber to be exported to get the full value of the wood;
4. To ensure that domestic requirement for lumber is not prejudiced by export, the DENR Regional Offices in coordination with the local DTI will determine the domestic lumber requirement of the Region. A certification to this effect will be issued by the RED which will determine the export allocation of KD lumber per region. Such volume should not affect the requirement of lumber for local consumption.
5. Exportation of the lumber processed by qualified TLA-/IFMA-holders will only be allowed upon satisfactory compliance with all the requirements as shown in Annex A.
6. Lumber exports shall be allowed up to December 31, 1998 only, unless earlier terminated by this Office.

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Adopted: 11 Mar. 1998

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Secretary

Annex "A"

REQUIREMENTS FOR LUMBER EXPORTATION