[DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 17, s. 1994, May 25, 1994]

REGISTRATION OF AGENTS, CONTRACTORS AND DEALERS ON IMPORTED LOGS, LUMBER, VENEER AND COMMERCIAL POLES AND PILES

Pursuant to P.D. 705, as amended and R.A. No. 1239 dated June 8, 1955, the following regulations governing the registration of agents, contractors and dealers on imported logs, lumber, veneer, commercial poles and piles are hereby issued for the information and guidance of all concerned.

SECTION 1. Basic Policy and Objectives. In consonance with the forest resource sustainable development thrust of the government and to provide an effective monitoring and disposition of imported logs, lumber, veneer, commercial poles and piles, it is hereby declared as a national policy that importers of the above commodities shall register with the DENR to be accredited as agents, contractors or dealers thereof.

Consistent with the above policy, the following objectives shall be pursued:

- a. Complement the sustainable development program of the government through the close and effective monitoring of the movement of imported wood materials;
- b. Promote the rational development of the wood and panel-based industries; and
- c. Provide safeguards against misdeclaration of locally sourced wood materials as coming from imported raw materials or vice-versa.
- SECTION 2. Who May Apply. The provisions of extant regulations notwithstanding all persons authorized to import logs, lumber, veneer or commercial poles and piles and who themselves shall process or dispose locally said imported commodities, shall apply with the Office of the Regional Executive Director concerned for a Certificate of Registration as agent, contractor or dealer, copy furnished the Director of Forest Management Bureau (FMB), subject to the guidelines hereunder provided.
- SECTION 3. Registration Requirements. In order that an application duly filed may be considered, the following basic supporting documents shall accompany said application:
- 3.1 Authenticated copy of authority to import logs, lumber, veneer or commercial poles and piles;