[DENR DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 54 s. 1993, September 16, 1993]

AMENDING DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 59, SERIES OF 1990, PROMULGATING "GUIDELINES IN THE CONFISCATION, FORFEITURE AND DISPOSITION OF CONVEYANCES USED IN THE COMMISSION OF OFFENSES PENALIZED UNDER SECTION 68, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 705, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 277, SERIES OF 1987 AND OTHER FORESTRY LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 705, otherwise known as the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines, as amended by Executive Order no. 277, Series of 1987, and Executive Order No. 192, Department Administrative Order No. 59, Series of 1990 of this Office is hereby amended, to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Definition of Conveyance — The term conveyance as used in these guidelines includes any type or class of vehicle, craft, whether motorized or not, used either in land, water or air, or a combination thereof or any mode of transport used in the movement of any forest products including all its implements and accessories.

SECTION 2. Conveyances Subject to Confiscation and Forfeiture — All conveyances used in the transport or movement of logs, lumber or any forest product cut, gathered or removed illegally or possessed without the legal documents in accordance with Sections 68 and 68 - A of P.D. 705 shall be confiscated and subject to forfeiture in favor of the government and disposed in accordance with pertinent laws, regulations or policies on the matter.

SECTION 3. Requirement to Transport Forest Products — Before any forest product shall be transported, the shipper and conveyance owner or their duly authorized representatives shall enter into a transport agreement and shall submit the same to the Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer (CENRO) as a prerequisite to the issuance of a transport document. The transport agreement shall contain the undertaking that the conveyance owner shall also be held liable in case of illegally transported forest products.

SECTION 4. Who are Authorized to Seize Conveyance — The Secretary or his duly authorized representatives such as the forest officers of the DENR and/or natural resources officers are authorized to seize the conveyances referred to in Section 2 hereof, subject to policies and guidelines pertinent thereto. Deputized military personnel and officials or other agencies apprehending illegal logs and other forest products and their conveyances shall notify the nearest DENR field offices, and turn over said forest products and conveyances for proper action and disposition. In case where the apprehension is made by DENR field offices, the conveyances shall be deposited with the nearest CENRO/PENRO/RED office as the