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GUIDELINES ON THE UTILIZATION AND TRANSPORT OF PLANTED TREES IN PRIVATE LANDS

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended, Executive Order No. 192 and in line with the policy of the Government to promote the development of tree plantation in private lands, the following rules and regulations are hereby issued and promulgated:

SECTION 1. Scope and Coverage - This guidelines shall cover the utilization and transport of plantation-grown wood in whatever form, e.g., logs, sawnwood, poles and piles, pulpwood, fuelwood, wood chips, and the semi-finished wood products derived therefrom.

Fruit trees are also included in this deregulation subject to existing regulation(s) of the Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms - For the purpose of this Order, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

Private lands refer to all lands, covered by OCTs, TCTs including CLOAs, and tax-declared A & D lands with pending application for titling whether through administrative or judicial process.

Planted trees refer to exotic, usually fast growing tree species introduced by any private individual, group, associations, and/or cooperatives in private lands for any purpose. However, endemic tree species (native) may be considered planted trees if it is determined by the field Forester(s) using appropriate silvicultural and acceptable methodologies, such as, but not limited to, tree age, layout of the stand, location of the tree claimed to be planted, among others, duly documented with pictures and certificate.

SECTION 3. Procedures - The transport of the wood and/or wood products of planted trees, regardless of volume, shall be accompanied by a Certification by the local tree farmers association, cooperative, federation, or in the absence of any, by the individual tree farmer concerned, duly authenticated and affirmed under oath by a private Registered Professional Forester, stating that the wood and/or wood products came from a particular private land, with the information on