[DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 67 s. 1993, December 15, 1993]

AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 54, SERIES OF 1993

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended by Executive Order No. 227 and Executive Order No. 192, and in order to strengthen forest law enforcement, the following sections of DENR Administrative Order No. 54, series of 1993, promulgating "Guidelines in the confiscation forfeiture and disposition of conveyances used in the commission of offenses penalized under Sec. 68, PD 705, as amended by E.O. No. 227, series of 1987, and other forestry laws, rules and regulations" the following changes/amendments are hereby made.

1. Section 3 shall read:

"SECTION 3. Requirement to Transport Forest Products. — Before any forest product shall be transported, the shipper and conveyance owner or their duly authorized representatives, except where said shipper and conveyance owner are one and the same person, 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.

2. Section 10 shall read:

"SECTION 10. Release of Conveyance. — Pursuant to Section 6 hereof, the proceedings under these regulations are directed against the conveyance itself. The fact that the owner of said conveyance has no knowledge that the conveyance was used in the transport or movement of illegal forest products does not free or absolve said conveyance from the penalty of the forfeiture. Accordingly, no conveyance shall be released on the basis of the owner's lack of knowledge of/or consent to the use of said conveyance. A conveyance seized under these regulations may be released on orders of the RED concerned but only on either or both of the following grounds, to wit:

a. that the forest products confiscated are in fact or were found