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MNR MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. ______86

SUBJECT: Additional Instructions on the Loading of Logs for Export

1. Quoted hereunder is the Memorandum of the Commissioner of Customs dated 20 May 1986 which requires, among others, the physical presence of authorized representatives of the Ministry of Natural Resources to oversee the loading of logs for export:

"Memorandum to -

All District Collectors of Customs Port Collectors of Customs and Others concerned

In addition to the safeguards already taken by this Bureau against the possible commission of irregularities in the exportation of logs as enunciated in Customs Memorandum Order No. 38-82, you are hereby directed that, henceforth, no logs for export shall be loaded on board the vessel unless the duly authorized representative of the Ministry of Natural Resources is physically present to oversee, together with the assigned Customs officer, said loading.

Said duly authorized representative of the Ministry of Natural Resources shall cosign, with the customs officer concerned, the certificate of loading before the vessel is given clearance to sail from the port of loading to the port of exit.

Please be guided accordingly.

WIGBERTO R. TAÑADA Commissioner of Customs"

- 2. In this regard it is hereby directed that:
 - 2.1 No logs for export shall be loaded on any vessel engaged in the log export trade unless the authorized Timber Inspector who inspected and graded the subject logs is physically present on board vessel to see to it that the logs being loaded have been properly manifested, assessed and graded in accordance with existing forestry rules and regulations.
 - 2.2 The Timber Inspector concerned shall cosign with the Customs Officer on board the certificate of loading before the vessel is given clearance to sail for the next port of loading or to depart from any of the designated exit ports.
- 3. All MNR officials/employees concerned shall strictly abide by these instructions. Failure to comply hereof which consequently resulted in the illegal exportation/shipment of logs shall make such officials/employees administratively and/or criminally liable, as the case may be.
- 4. This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

ERNESTO M. MACEDA

Minister