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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIFIC PORTS OF EXIT  
FOR LOG EXPORTS

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish some form of monitoring procedures to effect Presidential policy and to reinforce the rationalization of the wood industry; and

WHEREAS, such monitoring procedures necessitate the creation of a composite Log Export Audit Team to effect and supervise final check and clearance;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following is hereby ordered:

SECTION 1. All vessels, domestic outbound overseas and/or foreign scheduled/contracted to load raw logs within Philippine waters, are required to call on specific ports which shall be the final ports of call of such vessels prior to departure for international waters, immediately after the existing routinary clearing procedures. These specific clearing ports are:

REGION I

1. Narvacan, Ilocos Sur

REGION II

2. Aparri, Cagayan
3. Punta, Sta. Ana, Cagayan

REGION IV

4. Port Barton, Palawan
5. Mariveles, Bataan

REGION VIII

6. Jinamog Island, Samar
7. Palapag, Northern Samar

REGION IX

8. Zamboanga City

REGION X

9. Bislig, Surigao del Sur
10. Butuan City
11. Cagayan de Oro City
12. Iligan City

REGION XI

13. Gen. Island, Cantilan, Surigao del Sur
14. Davao City
15. Gen. Santos City

SECTION 2. There is hereby created a joint composite Log Export Audit Team, to be hereinafter referred to as the Team, composed of one representative each from the Forest Protection & Law Enforcement Division (FPLED) of the Bureau of Forest Development, the Customs Intelligence & Investigation Division (CIID) of the Bureau of Custom and the Regional Office of the Philippine Wood Products Association (PWPA), and such other government officials as may be assigned from time to time.

The Team shall effect the final check in the vessel after the last log has been loaded and/or after shipping documents have been accomplished, whichever comes last, on the basis of the volume displacement method through soundings, taking into consideration the equivalent densities of timber species loaded, permitting an allowance of ten per cent (10%), plus or minus. Detailed procedures for the Team will be shown in Attachment A.

The team shall adhere to schedules based on the shipper's advance notice of shipment, volume, date and vessel name forwarded to the Ministry of Natural Resources in issuing the final clearance of such vessels.

SECTION 3. Authorized log exporters shall be held responsible for the failure of any loaded vessel to present clearance countersigned by the members of the composite Log Export Audit Team.

Such failure shall be sufficient ground for confiscation of log cargo, without prejudice to immediate suspension of export license/permit of the exporter and to forfeiture of remaining log quota within the inventory in accordance with Presidential Decree 705, as amended, and to apprehension of such vessels, in accordance with International Maritime Law.

SECTION 4. For purposes of flexibility, any amendment, change or revision hereof shall be issued only by the Minister of Natural Resources after July 31, 1982.

This Order takes effect immediately.

  
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