

Republic of the Philippines  
Ministry of Natural Resources  
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER  
Diliman, Quezon City

MNR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER )  
NO. 17 :  
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SUBJECT : Deputation as Forest Officer of the  
Ministry of Natural Resources .

TO : Mr. Ricardo Navoa  
Acting Regional Director  
Region 10, Finance Ministry Intelligence Unit

S i r :

Pursuant to Section 50 of Presidential Decree No. 705, you are hereby deputized as FOREST OFFICER of the Ministry of Natural Resources/Bureau of Forest Development, effective upon receipt hereof, of which this Office shall be informed accordingly.

By virtue of this deputation, you are authorized to detect violations of the forestry laws/rules and regulations administered by the Bureau of Forest Development and to arrest, even without warrant, any person who has committed, is committing or is about to commit in your presence any of the offenses defined in Sections 68, 69, 70, 71 and 77 of Presidential Decree No. 705, within your territorial jurisdiction. You are also authorized to seize/confiscate the tools and equipment used in committing the offense and the forest products cut, gathered or removed by the offender/s in the process of committing the offense. In all instances of detection, arrest and/or seizure or confiscation, you shall deliver within the period proscribed by law from the time of arrest and seizure, the offender and the confiscated forest products, tools and equipment to, and file the proper complaint with, the appropriate official designated by law to conduct preliminary investigation and file the information in court through the District Forester or Regional Director.

Pursuant to Section 45 of ED 705, you are authorized to administer an oath and take acknowledgement in official matters connected with the functions of your Office, and to take testimony in official investigations conducted under the authority of the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines and its implementing rules and regulations.

You shall submit to the Director, Bureau of Forest Development a monthly report of the cases you have handled pursuant to this Order.

This deputation shall be automatically revoked upon the termination of your tenure as Acting Regional Director

Very truly yours,

  
DEPUTY MINISTER

RECOMMENDED BY :

  
EDMUNDO V. CORTES  
Director  
Bureau of Forest Development

Copy furnished:

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