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Ministry of Natural Resources
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SUBJECT: Prohibition on the cutting and gathering of timber and rattan in the Provinces of Leyte and Southern Leyte.

Pursuant to pertinent provisions of PD 705, as amended, and in order to enhance the forest ecological balance and to promote natural forest appreciation and conservation in the Provinces of Leyte and Southern Leyte, the cutting and gathering of timber and rattan in the said Provinces is hereby prohibited. For the effective implementation of this Order, the following guidelines are hereby promulgated for the information and compliance of all concerned:

1. The Director of Forest Development, in coordination with other government agencies concerned, shall take appropriate measures to effectively implement this Order.
2. Violators of this Order shall be punished in accordance with Sec. 68 of Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended and appropriate laws. The timber and rattan poles cut in violation of this Order shall be confiscated and disposed in accordance with the guidelines prescribed therefor.
3. The cutting and gathering of trees and rattan planted inside private lands or forest lands covered by appropriate permits/leases is exempted from this prohibition, subject however, to pertinent laws and regulations on the matter.
4. This Order takes effect immediately.


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