



Republic of the Philippines  
*Ministry of Natural Resources*  
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

MNR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER )  
No. 53 )  
Series of 1982 )

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SUBJECT : Amending Sections 1 and 2 of MNR  
Administrative Order No. 12,  
Series of 1982, Establishing  
Specific Ports of Exit for Log  
Exports.

In order to undertake all measures necessary to prevent timber smuggling and/or illegal log exportation, Sections 1 and 2 of MNR Administrative Order No. 12, Series of 1982, establishing specific ports of exit for log exports, are hereby amended to read as follows:

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 II

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

Region III

3. Mariveles, Bataan

Region V

4. Legaspi City

Region VIII

5. Tacloban City

Region IX

6. Zamboanga City

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Region X

7. Surigao City

Region XI

8. Davao City

If the last loading port is one of the eight (8) ports above-enumerated, the vessel shall call at any of the nearest ports above-stated most convenient to the shipper prior to sailing for foreign port.

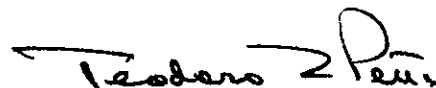
Section 2. There is hereby created a joint composite Log Export Audit Team, hereinafter referred to as the Team, composed of one (1) representative each from the Forest Protection and Law Enforcement Division (FPLED) of the Bureau of Forest Development, the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Division (CIID) of the Bureau of Customs 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 Customs Inspector on Board or the District Collector of the Customs at the port of loading shall clear the vessel only at the above-designated clearing ports. He shall advise, thru fastest means of communication the Customs Collector/Inspector of the clearing port selected by the Captain of the vessel on the expected arrival of said vessel including vessel's latest draft survey (fore, aft and mean) to facilitate final clearance thereof by the Log Export Audit Team. Upon arrival at the clearing port, the vessel shall be under the custody of the Customs Collector/Inspector of that port until cleared by the Log Export Audit Team.

In no case shall clearance be issued by the Customs Collector/Inspector at the designated clearing port unless the shipment has been cleared by the Log Export Audit Team who shall effect the final check in the vessel in accordance with the detailed procedure of the team previously established as shown in Annex "A," hereto attached.

Section 3. All other Sections of MNR Administrative Order No. 12, Series of 1982, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Order takes effect immediately.

  
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Minister

ANNEX "A"

OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR  
LOG EXPORT AUDIT TEAM

1. After the last log is loaded on the vessel for export, the Log Export Audit Team composed of one authorized representative each from the
  - a) Bureau of Customs (Customs Intelligence and Investigation Division (CIID))
  - b) Bureau of Forest Development (Forest Protection and Law Enforcement Division (FPLED))
  - c) Philippine Wood Products Association (PWPA)

shall perform the following functions:

BUREAU OF CUSTOMS  
(CIID)

BFD (FPLED)

PWPA (Regional  
Office Rep.)

\*Jointly with the FPLED and PWPA representative boards ship to look into the volume loaded per loading certificate

\*Coordinates with the Bureau of Customs representative on volume check.

\*Accompanies the team on board the ship during entire audit and observes.

\*Countersigns certificate of loading after verification of volume loaded using displacement method with BFD (FPLED) representative

\*Checks the volume displacement of the ship.

\*Notes time of team's boarding and time of ship's departure.

\*Send copy of report to Head Office.

\*Countersigns the certificate of loading for clearance to depart.

\*Takes note of reports jointly signed by the audit team.

\*Radios Head Office time of clearance and departure of vessel.

\*Forwards to MNR certificate of time of audit and ship's departure and other remarks.

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