

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

MNR Administrative Order)
No. 3 :
Series of 1983

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SUBJECT:

Amending certain provisions of MNR Administrative Order
No. 5, Series of 1980, otherwise known as the "Regulations Governing Rattan Resource", as amended.

In order that the rattan resource can be optimally harnessed to contribute to national economic development and progress and for said resource to provide direct support to the National Livelihood Program of the Government, MNR Administrative Order No. 5, Series of 1980 is hereby further amended as follows:

Sec. 1. The following sections of MNR Administrative Order No. 5, as amended, shall read as follows:

"Sec. 5. Cutting permit. person shall cut, gather and transport rattan unless he has been authorized to do so under a permit issued by the Minister or his duly authorized representative. A permit to cut, gather and transport rattan shall have a duration of one year, from date of issuance, renewable thereafter for period of two years, PROVIDED, that while qualified applicants are in the process of completing certain requirements or for justifiable circumstances which do not allow the immediate grant of a regular permit, a temporary rattan cutting permit may be issued for a period not exceeding six months."

"Sec. 6. <u>Persons qualified for a permit</u>. Only any of the following persons may qualify to apply for, and be granted a permit to cut, gather and transport rattan:

 A duly organized cooperative of rattan gatherers registered with the Bureau of Cooperatives Development and who has a rattan supply agreement with the NDC-NACIDA Raw Materials Corporation or an accredited/ licensed rattan processing plant, duly approved by the Minister of Natural Resources or his authorized representative.

- b. Owners/operators of rattan processing plants who satisfy, without exception, all of the following requirements:
 - The plant must have a minimum annual rated capacity of 300,000 lineal meters at the time of application;
 - 2) The applicant must have a minimum paid up capital or owner's equity of at least \$250,000.00 which must not be decreased while the person or entity holds a rattan cutting permit;
 - 3) MNR approval for a license to operate a rattan processing plant.
- c. An association of at least fifteen (15) rattan gatherers duly accredited by the Kilusang Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran (KKK) Municipal/City/Provincial Action Officer concerned;
- d. .An association of NACIDA registered rattan users or cooperatives; and,
- e. Government agencies/corporations."

"Sec. 7. Application Requirements. For an application for a permit to be given due course, the prescribed application form shall be accomplished by the applicant concerned and filed with the Bureau of Forest Development, together with the requirements prescribed therefor."

Sec. 2. Pursuant to pertinent provisions of Finance Regulation No. 2-81, the specific taxes/forest charges for "siksik" vine rattan shall be 10% of the market value of the product.

Sec. 3. This amends the specified provisions of MNR Administrative Order No. 5, Series of 1980.

Sec. 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

TEODORO Q. PEÑA Minister

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All concerned.