



By virtue of this deputation, they 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 jurisdictions. They 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, they shall deliver within the period prescribed by law from the time of arrest and seizure, the offender and the confiscated forest products, tools and equipment too, 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 PD 705, they are authorized to administer an oath and take acknowledgement in official matters connected with the functions of their Office, and to take testimony in official investigation conducted under the authority of the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines and its implementing rules and regulations.

They shall submit to the District Forester, Vigan, Ilocos Sur a monthly report of the cases they have handled pursuant to this Order.

This deputation shall be automatically revoked upon termination of their tenure of Office unless sooner terminated by this Office.

Very truly yours,



ARNOLD B. CAUTILI  
Deputy Minister

RECOMMENDED BY:



EDMUNDO V. CORTES  
Director  
Bureau of Forest Development

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