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SUBJECT: Creating a National Forest  
Tree Seed Certification Office  
and Providing for its Organization,  
Operation, and Management

1. RATIONALE

The establishment of a Forest Seed Certification Program has gained nationwide recognition. This program requires the certification, identification and registration of quality forest tree seeds/stocks for germination purposes. This is necessary to assure the success of forest establishment which initially requires availability of high quality seeds for all forest renewal activities. In recognition of the primary role of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) in nationwide forest development programs there is hereby created in MNR a National Forest Tree Seed Certification Office (NFTSCO), hereby referred to as NFTSCO.

2. DESCRIPTION

The NFTSCO shall be responsible for the formulation of a proper mechanism in the selection of seeds to assure high quality seeds that will be germinated in the nurseries of both the government and private sectors. It shall also undertake the certification, procurement, distribution, storage and sale of seeds/stocks, including importation of such seeds/stocks from known international seed banks.

3. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of NFTSCO are:

- a. provide a proper mechanism for the identification/certification of indigenous quality forest tree seeds/stocks;

- b. establish/formulate a system for the production of sustained supply of certified forest tree seeds/stocks; and,
- c. provide the mechanism for proper procurement, distribution and sale of forest tree seeds/stocks including importation of seeds/stocks from known international seeds banks.

4. ORGANIZATION

The NFTSCO shall be directly under the supervision of the Minister. It shall be headed by a Director with a multi-disciplinary set of technical staff with expertise in forest tree improvement, forest genetics, seed biology and other related fields.

Initially a technical secretariat composed of staff from the MNR-Planning Service shall support the said office until such time that a full time secretariat is created.

Qualified personnel from the FORI, BFD UPLB-CF, and representatives from the private forestry agencies shall be detailed part time to the office until such time that full time personnel shall have been hired.

It shall have an Advisory Body which shall be composed of the following:

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| Minister, MNR            | - | Chairman                       |
| Director, FORI           | - | Member                         |
| Director, BFD            | - | Member                         |
| Dean, UPLB-CF            | - | Member                         |
| President, PWPA          | - | Member                         |
| Director General, PCARRD | - | Member                         |
| Chairman, IAGFRA         | - | Member                         |
| Director, NFTSCO         | - | Member and Executive Secretary |

The members of the Board and those who are detailed to the Office shall be provided with honoraria, allowances and travelling expenses in accordance with existing accounting and auditing rules.

5. FUNDING

Funds for the operation of the Office shall come from the appropriations of the Office of the Minister, specifically P/P/A 1.15 (NCFEM).

6. MONITORING AND REPORTING


The NFTSCO shall design and adopt its own monitoring and reporting system and shall submit such reports to the Minister on a quarterly basis.

7. EFFECTIVITY

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless otherwise revoked.

  
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