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**MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY**

TO : All Regional Executive Directors  
Attention: PENROs/CENROs

SUBJECT : **“THREE-STRIKE RULE” RELATIVE TO THE APPREHENSION OF ILLEGAL CONVEYANCES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF CONCERNED DENR REGIONAL/FIELD OFFICES**

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In view of the strengthened anti-illegal logging campaign of the administration and existing ban on all logging operations in all other regions except for Regions 11 and 13, you are hereby directed to strictly implement command-responsibility and to abide by the “3-strike rule” governing apprehension of illegal logging-related activities in your respective areas of jurisdiction.

These illegal logging activities shall refer, but are not limited, to the following:

1. Issuance of fake and irregular transport permits and documents;
2. Involvement in the release of illegal conveyances from official DENR stockades and warehouses;
3. Connivance in allowing illegal conveyances to pass through designated official checkpoints; and
4. other acts contributory to the proliferation of illegal logging.

The occurrence of a 3<sup>rd</sup> apprehension due to any of the abovementioned illegal-logging related offenses shall constitute gross neglect of duty, inefficiency and incompetence in the performance of official duties, and gross insubordination on the part of the concerned DENR official, pursuant to Sections 22 (b), (p) and (s) of Rule XIV of the Omnibus Rules Implementing Book V of Executive Order No. 292.

As such, the said official shall be relieved from his/her post upon receipt of an order to that effect and the said offenses shall be used as basis for dismissal from government service, subject to pertinent laws and Civil Service Commission (CSC) rules and regulations.

For your compliance and guidance.

  
**MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR**



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