



MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : The Undersecretary for Environment and Forestry
The Undersecretary for Lands
The Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, Research and
Legislative Affairs
All Regional Executive Directors, Bureau Directors

SUBJECT : **IMPLEMENTATION OF DAO NO. 2005-25**
"GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
UPLAND AGROFORESTRY PROGRAM"

DATE : **NOV 17 2005**

Consistent with the ongoing review of forest tenure instruments nationwide and as a result of series of consultations/meetings with the Philippine Chamber for Commerce and Industry, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Agrarian Reform, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the Philippine Sugar Millers Association and the members of Cabinet Agribusiness Cluster, we are furnishing you a copy of Department Administrative Order No. 2005-25, entitled "GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UPLAND AGROFORESTRY PROGRAM"

The following are the highlights of the guidelines:

1. conditions for individuals as potential Program applicants/beneficiaries;
2. conditions for the granting of agroforestry area exceeding 50 hectares;
3. applicants shall shoulder survey cost;
4. approval of all JVAs/MOAs by the Secretary;
5. safety nets for possible speculation/non-development;
6. Government share from gross sales (0% for tree plantation, 3% for perennial crops, 4 % for biennial crops and 5% for annual crops);
7. arbitration clause pursuant to RA 9285 otherwise known as "Alternative Dispute Resolution Law";
8. granting of Presidential Warranty.

Please be informed that this is one of our flagship projects for promoting economic activity in the uplands and sustainable development in the countryside. Further, we are planning to refine the guidelines through suggestions and recommendations as we go along in the implementation of the project.

For your compliance.

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