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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO :

The Regional Executive Directors

DENR Regions 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13

FROM

The Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment

SUBJECT :

COMPLIANCE TO PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE NO. 2021-076 DATED DECEMBER 22, 2021 ENTITLED "IMMEDIATE RESOLUTION OF TYPHOON-RELATED CONCERNS IN

SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND DINAGAT ISLANDS"

**DATE** 

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In view of the devastation brought about by Typhoon "Odette" in CARAGA Region particularly in the provinces of Surigao del Norte (Siargao Island) and Dinagat Islands, and pursuant to the attached Presidential Directive No. 2021-076 dated December 22, 2021 entitled "Immediate Resolution of Typhoon-Related Concerns in Surigao del Norte and Dinagat Islands", following instructions/guidelines are hereby issued, to wit:

- 1. The Regional Executive Director (RED) of DENR Region 13 shall undertake the following actions:
  - a. To donate confiscated forest products (without court cases) and turned-over logs derived from the issued Tree Cutting Permits, as wood materials for the rehabilitation of damaged houses and infrastructures in the above-cited provinces. The donation of the said wood products shall be done thru a Deed of Donation to be entered by DENR Region 13 and the concerned Local Government Units.
  - b. To facilitate the recovery and transport of uprooted/fallen trees in private or titled lands, subject to the following conditions:
    - b.1 This recovery and transport activities shall cover fallen/uprooted trees, both naturally growing and planted, in private or titled lands only in the typhoon "Odette" affected areas identified by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC).
    - b.2 The issuance of permits shall be on per application basis, subject to the conduct of verification and inventory and compliance with other requirements pursuant to pertinent rules and regulations.
    - b.3 The concerned PENRO shall issue the permits for naturally growing trees, and the CENRO concerned shall issue permits for planted trees. However, the Implementing PENRO shall issue permits covering both naturally growing and planted trees in one (1) application.

- b.4 The issuance of transport permit shall be temporarily waived for Non-Timber Forest Products (e.g., Bamboo, Nipa, Anahaw) harvested from private or titled lands to be used as housing and/or re-building materials by the affected communities.
- b.5 This arrangement is effective for only three (3) months upon signing of the undersigned.
- 2. The REDs of DENR Regions 9, 10, 11 and 12 shall coordinate closely with the RED of DENR Region 13, for the transport and donation of confiscated forest products (without court cases) and turned-over logs from issued TCPs within their respective regions, to be used as additional source/s of wood materials for the said rehabilitation efforts.

The RED DENR Region 13 shall supervise the implementation of this issuance and submit to the Office of the Secretary, copy furnished this Office and the Forest Management Bureau, a comprehensive report with pertinent attachment such as copy of Deed of Donation/s, geo-tagged photographs of the donated forest products, and recovery and transport permits issued (including the names and addresses of applicants; species name, number of trees and its corresponding volume, and geotagged photographs), among others.

#### FOR GUIDANCE AND STRICT COMPLIANCE.

ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I

Cc: The Secretary, DENR

The Director, Forest Management Bureau



### Office of the President of the Philippines PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT STAFF Malacañang

## Presidential Directive no. 2021 - 07 6

FOR

The Secretaries

Department of Agriculture (DA)

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

Department of Energy (DOE)

Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Department of Settlement Housing and Urban Development (DHSUD)

FROM

The Acting Head, Presidential Management Staff

SUBJECT

IMMEDIATE RESOLUTION OF TYPHOON-RELATED CONCERNS

IN SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND DINAGAT ISLANDS

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During the inspection of typhoon-affected areas and situation briefing on the effects of Typhoon Odette in Dinagat Islands and Surigao del Norte on December 18, 2021, the President was apprised by the local chief executives of the situation in their respective localities and raised various requests for assistance.

Thus, the President directed the DOE, DICT, DA, DENR, and DHSUD Secretaries to visit Surigao del Norte and Dinagat Islands immediately and personally assess the extent of the damages in the area, and jointly collaborate and facilitate the resolution of the following concerns of the local government units (LGUs), subject to relevant laws, rules, and regulations1:

- 1. Restoration of power;
- 2. Restoration of communication networks and possible provision of satellite phones;
- 3. Provision of agricultural inputs and machineries to farmers and fishing boats for fisherfolk;
- 4. Evaluation of the request of LGU officials to use confiscated logs and uprooted trees for reconstruction of damaged houses; and
- 5. Immediate provision of community tents in Siargao and Dinagat Islands due to the destruction of evacuation centers; and as long-term response, provision of permanent housing units.

This directive shall remain valid until superseded by a subsequent Presidential directive or an intervening event which renders compliance therewith implausible. Likewise, the directive automatically ceases upon full compliance by the appropriate government agencies.

We note that this memorandum is being issued as a formality as these directives had been communicated ahead to the DOE, DICT, DA, DENR, and DHSUD Secretaries.

Kindly submit a report on your compliance with this directive, indicating the reference number above, not later than fifteen (15) days upon the receipt of this memorandum, to the Presidential Management Staff through directives@pms.gov.ph, and regular updates thereafter until the directive has been fully complied with.

For your appropriate action.

Copy furnished:

The Executive Secretary

The Cabinet Secretary

The Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Special Assistant to the President