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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : All Regional Executive Directors
PENROs and CENROs

SUBJECT : **PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE SUSPENSION ON THE ISSUANCE OF WOOD RECOVERY PERMIT TO COVER THE RETRIEVAL AND DISPOSITION OF UPROOTED AND TYPHOON/FIRE DAMAGED TREES**

In view of the devastation brought about by recent typhoons, fires and other natural calamities and to provide additional wood material requirement for the rehabilitation program of the government, the suspension on the issuance of Wood Recovery Permit (WRP) is hereby **PARTIALLY LIFTED to cover ONLY the retrieval and disposition of uprooted and typhoon/fire damaged trees**. The issuance of WRP for the retrieval and disposition of abandoned logs, drifted logs, sunken logs, tree stumps, tops and branches are still suspended until further notice and upon comprehensive review and assessment to be conducted on the matter.

The following instructions/guidelines are hereby issued for the issuance of WRP covering uprooted and typhoon/fire damaged trees involving naturally growing and planted trees in forestlands, A & D lands, and private lands, to wit:

1. The qualified applicants for the issuance of WRP are as follows:

TYPE OF RETRIEVABLE WOOD MATERIALS	PRIORITY APPLICANT
a. For uprooted and typhoon/fire damaged trees in forestland	1. Tenure instrument holder/s 2. Local Government Unit (LGU) 3. National Government Agencies
b. For uprooted and typhoon/fire damaged trees in A & D lands & private lands	1. Lot/land owner 2. LGU

2. The concerned CENRO/Implementing PENRO upon learning of the existence of retrievable wood materials (uprooted and typhoon/fire damaged trees) shall conduct 100% inventory of these wood materials. The applicable volume equation for standing trees per DMO No. 1991-08 and FMB Technical Bulletin No. 3 (Measurement Standards and Procedures in the Conduct of Inventory for Standing Trees) shall be used and the Stand and Stock Table (SST) shall be prepared, as well as geo-tagged photographs and GIS maps.

3. The WRP shall be issued by the following DENR Officials with the corresponding timber volume and validity period.

AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL	VOLUME (cubic meters)	PERMIT VALIDITY PERIOD (consistent with DAO No. 2021-11 dated May 19, 2021)*
CENRO/Implementing PENRO	Five (5) and less	50 days
PENRO	More than 5 to 15	50 days
RED	More than 15 to 50	50 days
	51 to 70	60 days
	71 to 100	90 days
	101 to 200	120 days
	201 to 300	150 days
	301 to 500	6 months
	501 to 650	7 months
	651 to 750	8 months
	751 to 850	9 months
	851 to 950	10 months
	951 to 1,000	11 months
	More than 1,000	One (1) year

*DAO No. 2021-11 dated May 19, 2021 entitled: Guidelines in the Processing and Issuance of Permits for the Cutting, Removal and Relocation of Naturally Growing Trees

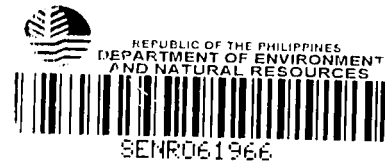
4. The above-cited DENR Officials shall only issue WRP within three (3) months after the typhoon/fire. No issuance of new WRP beyond this period shall be undertaken by the concerned DENR Officials. In areas affected by typhoon "Odette", the issuance of WRP is only until three (3) months from issuance of this Memorandum.
5. The primary purpose of issuing WRP to qualified applicant is to provide additional wood material requirement for the rehabilitation program of the government (e.g. housing materials). Thus, no collection of forest charges shall be imposed for utilizing uprooted and typhoon/fire damaged naturally growing trees for the above purpose.
6. No WRP shall be issued covering NIPAS and eNIPAS areas consistent with DAO No. 2000-78 dated November 7, 2000.
7. For the retrievable wood materials (uprooted and typhoon/fire damaged trees) within reforestation program sites, the concerned DENR Field Offices shall follow the corresponding procedures and requirements on recording of damaged reforestation projects stipulated under COA Circular No. 2015-007 dated October 22, 2015 entitled, "Prescribing the Government Accounting Manual for Use of All National Government Agencies".

8. The concerned Regional Executive Director/PENRO/CENRO shall closely supervise all wood recovery operations under this instruction, and shall be held civilly and criminally liable should the issued WRP be used for illegal purpose/s.

The Regional Executive Director shall submit to this Office, through the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment, copy furnished the Forest Management Bureau (FMB), a comprehensive report in compliance to this directive. The report shall include among others, the names and addresses of Permittees; species name, number and the corresponding volume of uprooted and typhoon/fire damaged trees, and geotagged photographs.

FOR GUIDANCE AND STRICT COMPLIANCE.


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