



DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES

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**SUBJECT : Deputation of the following AFP Officers as  
Forest Officers of the Department of  
Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)**

Pursuant to Section 80 of Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended, the following officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines are hereby deputed as Forest Officers of the DENR to exercise the power and authority provided in the aforesaid law effective upon receipt hereof:

1. Brig. Gen. Manuel Lanuza - 801st Infantry Division, PA, R-8
2. Brig. Gen. Ruperto Ambil, Jr.- 802nd Infantry Division, PA,  
R-8
3. Col. Romeo Tarrayo - 803rd Infantry Division, PA, R-8
4. Brig. Gen. Regino Lacson - 401st Infantry Division, PA, R-10
5. Col. Sergio Belleza - 402nd Infantry Division, PA, R-10
6. Col. Crispino Piol - 403rd Infantry Division, PA, R-10
7. Brig. Gen. Herminigildo Agaap - 603rd Infantry Division, PA,  
R-11

By virtue of this deputation, they are authorized to detect/investigate violations of forestry laws and regulations administered by the DENR and to arrest even without warrant any person who has committed, is committing or is about to commit in their presence any of the offense defined in Sections 68, 69, 70, 71, and 77 of PD 705, as amended, within their respective jurisdiction.

They are also authorized to seize/confiscate the tools and equipment used in committing the offense and the forest products cut, gathered or removed by the offenders in the process of committing the offense. In all instances of detection, arrest and/or seizure or confiscation, they shall deliver within the period prescribed by laws from the time of arrest and seizure the offender and the confiscated forest products, tools and equipment and file the proper complaint with the appropriate officials designated by law to conduct preliminary investigation and file the information in court through the DENR's CENRO/PENRO or Regional Executive Director concerned.

Pursuant to Section 45 of PD 705, as amended, they are authorized to administer oath and take acknowledgment in official matters connected with the functions of their office and to take testimony in official investigation conducted under the authority of the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines and the implementing rules and regulations.

This deputation expires March 31, 1991 or after the completion of all the activities of Project Fast II, whichever comes first. Project Fast II is being implemented by the DENR and Aero-Forest Resources, Inc. in coordination with the Department of National Defense.



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