



DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

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DENR SPECIAL ORDER

NO. 13

Series of 1991

**SUBJECT : Deputation of Col. Regalado Mercado (Ret.)
as Forest Officer of the Department of
Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)**

Pursuant to Section 80 of Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended, Col. Regalado Mercado (Ret.) is hereby deputized as Forest Officer of the DENR to exercise the power and authority provided in the aforesaid law effective upon receipt hereof.

By virtue of this deputation, he is 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 his presence any of the offense defined in Sections 68, 69, 70, 71, and 77 of PD 705, as amended, within his jurisdiction.

He is 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, he 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, he is 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 after the completion of the activities of Project Fast II being implemented by the DENR and Aero-Forest Resources, Inc. in coordination with the Department of National Defense (DND).

In conjunction therewith, Col. Mercado as authorized representative of the DND to Project FAST II is hereby designated as member of the DENR Special Action Team (SAT) created under Special Order No. 07, Series of 1991.

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