



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN



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**DENR SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 2024- 149

**SUBJECT : CREATION OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE PHILIPPINE EXPORTERS CONFEDERATION, INC. (PHILEXPORT)**

In the interest of service and to facilitate the proposed amendment to the wood importation and exportation guidelines by the PHILEXPORT, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Technical Working Group (TWG) is hereby created, and be composed following:

- Chair:** Jonas R. Leones, CESO I  
Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs
- Vice-chair:** Cheryl Loise T. Leal  
OIC Director, Policy and Planning Service
- Members:** Arleigh J. Adorable, CESO III  
OIC Assistant Secretary for Field Operations-Western Mindanao and Forest Management Bureau Director, in concurrent capacity
- Marcial C. Amaro, Jr. CESO II  
Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Biodiversity Management Bureau Director, in concurrent capacity
- Maria Lourdes G. Ferrer, CESO III  
Director, Ecosystem Research Development Bureau
- Representative/s from the Philippine Exporters Confederation

The TWG shall facilitate the discussions and provide guidance and recommendations on the issues and concerns raised by the PHILEXPORT on the following:

1. Proposed amendments on DENR Administrative Orders No. 1991-54 and 1999-46;
2. Exorbitant CITES fee of 3% of the FOB price of wood exports
3. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification in the Philippines;

4. Invasive/ Plantation Species (e.g. Gmelina and Mahogany); and
5. Other wood exportation and importation concerns.

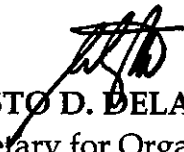
A Technical Secretariat shall provide technical and administrative support in the conduct of TWG activities and be composed of the following:

**Head:** Ray Thomas F. Kabigting  
OIC, Forest Investment Development Division

**Members:** Representative/s from the Policy and Planning Service  
Representative/s from the Ecosystem Research Development Bureau  
Representative/s from the Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Representative/s from the Forest Management Bureau

All expenses to be incurred relative to the conduct of this Order shall be charged against DENR Funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
**AUGUSTO D. DELA PEÑA**  
Undersecretary for Organizational  
Transformation and Human Resources