

**Administrative Order
No. 78
December 28, 1987**

**SUBJECT: Interim Guidelines on the Cutting/
Gathering of Narra and Other Premium
Hardwood Species**

In order to provide continuous supply of narra and other premium hardwood timber species to the furniture and construction industries and to regulate the cutting/gathering and utilization of said timber species, the following interim guidelines are hereby issued:

1. For the purposes of this Order, premium hardwood species refer to narra, molave, dao, kamagong, ipil, acacia, akle, apanit, banuyo, batikuling, betis, bolong-eta, kalantas, lanete, lumbayao, sangilo, supa, teak, tindalo and manggis.
2. Cutting of narra and other premium hardwood species may be allowed in the following areas:
 - 2.1 In private lands - for the purpose of this Order private lands shall include titled lands and alienable and disposable lands with approved applications for homestead, free and emancipation patents;
 - 2.2 Allowable clearings within civil or military reservations/resettlement or settlement areas; and
 - 2.3 In allowable clearing (skidways, roadways, cableways, log landings) inside forest lands covered by timber licenses/permits limited to fifteen percent (15%) for skidding/truck logging and yarding based on the logging area under operation.
3. Cutting of narra and other premium hardwood species shall only be allowed under written authority from the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources under the following conditions:
 - 3.1 For trees cut from timber license/agreement areas, the license/agreement holder shall deposit P300.00 per cubic meter for the establishment and development and maintenance of plantation of these species, to be placed in a trust fund;

- 3.2 At least 10% of the narra and other premium hardwood species shall be made available to the furniture shops and other secondary wood-based industries in the region where these trees are cut. The Regional Executive Director is authorized to decide and implement a higher rate in the Region;
- 3.3 Exportation of lumber, boules or any other semi-finished product processed out of these species is prohibited; and
- 3.4 In case of private lands, the permit shall only be issued to the landowners themselves.

Except in allowable clearings, diameter restrictions as imposed by existing laws, rules and regulations shall also be implemented.

4. Order takes effect immediately.

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Secretary