DENR Memorandum Order No. 11

SUBJECT: Allowing Additional Exemption (Holiday) to the Ban Under Memorandum Order No. 4, Series of 1989 and Allowing Temporary Transport of Lumber from the Province of Aurora Using Baler-Bongabon and Dingalan-Palayan City Roads.

In recognition of the successful implementation of the Transport Holiday that allowed an experimental free transport of lumber from the Province of Aurora per DENR Memorandum of 15 August 1989 and in recognition of the responsible performance of the Aurora Forest and Parks Conservation Association, Inc. in providing assistance for the control of illegal transport of forest products from the Province of Aurora particularly, along Aurora National Park as agreed upon during the tripartite meeting between the DENR, the Aurora Provincial Government and the Aurora Forest and Park as agreed upon during the tripartite meeting between the DENR, the Aurora Provincial Government and the Aurora Forest and Parks Conservation Association, Inc. held in Baler, Aurora, it is hereby ordered that the temporary transport of lumber from the Province of Aurora using Baler-Bongabon and Dingalan-Palayan City Roads be further allowed as provided herewith:

I. MECHANICS OF TRANSPORT

The temporary transport of lumber using the above-mentioned roads, which was banned under DENR Memorandum Order No. 4 Series of 1989 shall be allowed under the following conditions:

- 1. The Temporary transport of lumber shall only be allowed as follows:
 - a. Dingalan-Palayan City Road October 16, 1989 to October 30, 1989
 - b. Baler-Bongabon Road November 01, 1989 to November 15, 1989
 - c. Dingalan-Palayan City Road November 16, 1989 to November 30, 1989
 - d. Baler-Bongabon Road December 01, 1989 to December 15, 1989

- 2. Only legitimate sawmills with existing sawing permits and are members of the Aurora Forest and Parks Conservation Association, Inc. shall be allowed to transport "sawmill sawn" lumber. Other non-members of the Association who are legitimate permittees may be allowed provided they register themselves with the Aurora Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) and contribute to the successful implementation of the Joint DENR-NGO Checkpoint System.
- 3. Transport along the banned rods shall only be allowed between 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The entrance station in Dingalan shall close at 4:00 p.m., while Diteki, San Luis Entrance Station shall close at 2:00 p.m.
- 4. Every truck to be used in the transport of lumber shall post two (2) pieces of boards of "Notice of Particulars" as required under DENR Administrative Order No. 44, Series of 1989.
- 5. Hauling trucks shall travel on convoy of at least five (5) units along the banned roads.

II. TRANSPORT MONITORING

- 1. The entrance and exit monitoring stations established earlier shall be maintained including the radio-communications network with the assistance from the Aurora Forest and Parks Conservation Association, Inc.
- 2. Each station shall be manned by an Inter-Agency Team composed of the following:
 - a. Four (4) DENR Personnel
 - a.1 Entrance stations shall be manned by Teams organized by the PENRO of Aurora
 - a.2 Exit stations shall be manned by both Aurora and Nueva Ecija

The names of members of Team manning both entrance and exit gates shall be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Luzon Operations for approval:

- b. Three (3) representatives of the Association
- c. One (1) NGO reprsentative
- d. Seven (7) representatives of the Philippine Army

- 3. All trucks passing along the above specified roads shall be issued a gate pass in addition to the required transport documents from the point of entry which shall be surrendered to the team manning the post at the point of exit.
- 4. A mobile truck equipped with hand-held radios shall be provided by the Associations to traverse along the banned roads to confiscate and haul any illegal forest products found therein.

III. PENAL PROVISION

Any shipment found not in conformity with any of the above conditions shall be deemed illegal, and therefore, subject for confiscations, including the conveyance used.

IV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Assistant Secretary for Luzon Operations is hereby authorized to implement the Order to suspend or renew this holiday scheme, and to issue guidelines and orders for its effective implementation.

V. SUBMISSION OF REPORT

The team leaders of each post shall, through their respective Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer of Aurora and Nueva Ecija, be required to submit weekly reports to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Luzon Operations. Weekly reports should be received at the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Luzon Operations not later than Wednesday of each week.

This Order takes effect immediately.

FULGENCIO S. FACTORAN, JR. Secretary

Signed on October 16, 1989