

Memorandum Circular
No. 5
April 2, 1991

**SUBJECT: Guidelines on the Inspection of Flora
Intended for Export in Commercial
Quantity**

Pursuant to the provisions of Forestry Administrative Order 10-1, Series of 1984, as amended by Forestry Administrative Order No. 6-1, Series of 1951, Item 7 Art. VI, Item 3 Art. VIII of the articles and by laws of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) of Wild Fauna and Flora and in order to insure the protection and preservation of endangered flora, the following guidelines are hereby promulgated:

1. As a prerequisite to the issuance of export documents, all flora intended for export in commercial quantity shall be subject to inspection in the farm/nursery or the permittee and or applicant by a duly authorized inspector of the DENR Regional Office concerned.

Commercial quantity as referred to herein shall mean eleven (11) pieces or more.

2. The commodities subject of inspection shall be re-inspected by the same DENR representatives at the time of or immediately before their actual packing/crating on the scheduled date of shipments.
3. The monitoring teams deployed in the various international air or sea ports all over the country shall thereafter verify/double check the contents of the cargo.
4. DENR personnel assigned to undertake the task shall strictly observe and implement the procedures herein provided to forestall the commission of any irregularity, such as substitution of species and over-shipment.
5. These guidelines shall not apply to the exportation of flora for scientific, educational or personal collection purposes.
6. This Circular takes effect immediately and supersedes orders and circulars inconsistent herewith.

For strict compliance.

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