

**DENR Administrative Order
No. 97-03
February 20, 1997**

**SUBJECT : Amendment of Administrative
Order No. 96-19 Series of 1996
re: Delegation of Authority
Related to ADB and OECF
Funded Forestry Sector Project
and Providing Guidelines
Thereon**

In the interest of service and to facilitate implementation of ADB and OECF funded Forestry Sector Project, authority is hereby delegated to the Regional Executive Directors to approve all contracts (e.g. SMP, community organizing, comprehensive site development and M & E) and financial transactions related to the project, provided however that the following guidelines will be strictly followed:

1. No contract will be approved without securing first a Certificate of Availability of Fund (CAF) from the Regional Accounting Office.
2. All contracts shall be thoroughly evaluated by the technical unit concerned and by the legal unit of the regional office to make sure that all contracts to be approved are free from any technical deficiencies as well as legal infirmities.
3. In the awarding of contracts, it is the full responsibility of the regional office to make sure that there are no government laws violated.
4. All financial transactions shall adhere to the generally accepted accounting/auditing rules and regulations applicable to all government transactions.

5. That in case of doubts, proper authority (i.e., COA, DBM, etc.) shall always be consulted.

This Order shall take effect immediately and repeals/supersedes all orders or issuances inconsistent herewith.

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Secretary