

Memorandum Circular
No. 97-23
November 27, 1997

**TO : All REDs, RTDs for Forestry, PENRO, CENRO;
and All Concerned DENR Personnel**

**SUBJECT: Stopping the Issuance of Private Land Tree
Plantation Cutting Permits (PLTPCP) and/or
Private Land Tree Cutting Permits (PLTCP)**

Our records have shown that some of our field offices are still issuing PLTPCP/PLTCP despite existing forestry regulations to the contrary.

As a reminder, DENR, in order to promote/encourage the planting of trees by owners of private land and give incentives to the tree farmers, had issued Ministry Administrative Order No. 04, Series of 1987 and other subsequent related issuances allowing the harvesting, transporting and sale of products from planted trees inside private lands covered with title or tax-declared A & D lands with approved application for title even without a PLTPCP or PLTCP. Instead, a Certificate of Verification issued by the CENRO would suffice our purpose.

The continued imposition of requiring owners of private land with planted trees on it to secure permit before cutting and transporting the harvested products deters the attainment of the objectives from which the DENR issuances on the matter have been promulgated.

In view hereof, you are hereby advised to abide with the instructions of MAO No. 87-04 and other subsequent related issuances, particularly:

- DAO No. 86, Series of 1988, - Deregulation of Tree Harvesting, Transporting and Sale of Firewood, Pulpwood or Timber planted in Private Lands;
- DAO No. 26, Series of 1990, - Amendment to DAO 88-86, Prescribing Rules on the Deregulation of Tree Harvesting, Transporting and Sale of Firewood, Pulpwood or Timber planted in Private Lands; and
- DAO No. 79, Series of 1990, - Amendment to DAO 90-26, Amending Further DAO 88-86, Prescribing Rules on the Deregulation of Tree Harvesting, Transporting and Sale of Firewood, Pulpwood or Timber planted in Private Lands.

Further, the number of Certification of Verification issued by the CENRO and all the pertinent statistical data such as species, volume, etc. must be reported in the prescribed Forestry Statistical Forms (i.e. FS1 — Log Production or FS2 — Fuelwood/Charcoal Production & FS11 — Issuances of Forestry Licenses/permits) pursuant to DAO No. 94-10. For immediate compliance.

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