

DENR Memorandum Circular

No. 2000 – 17

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SUBJECT : Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA) Between The Department Of Environment And Natural Resources (DENR) And The Chamber Of Furniture Industries Of The Philippines (CFIP).

For the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned, quoted hereunder is the MOA between the DENR and CFIP spelling out their responsibilities to carry out cooperative undertakings generally directed at and supportive of the administration, management development, and use of forest resources on a managed and sustainable basis and of the development of the furniture-industry on a rational basis.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement is entered into by and between:

The **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, a government agency existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with office address at Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, represented herein by the Honorable Secretary, ANTONIO H. CERILLES, hereinafter referred to as the "**DENR**";

and

The **CHAMBER OF FURNITURE INDUSTRIES OF THE PHILIPPINES**, a non-stock and nonprofit corporation duly registered and existing under the laws of the Philippines, with office address at Unit H, 9th Floor, Strata 100 Bldg., Emerald Avenue, Pasig City, herein represented by its president, MR. EMMANUEL P. PADIERNOS, hereinafter referred to as "**CFIP**";

WITNESSETH, That:

WHEREAS, the **DENR** is the government agency primarily responsible for the conservation, development, management, administration, control and proper use of the country's natural resources;

WHEREAS, the **CFIP** is a national association of 1,500 member companies and twelve (12) chapters nationwide which are engaged in the manufacture, export and domestic supply of wood furniture parts, and furnishings;

WHEREAS, the wood furniture industry struggled to grow during the past five (5) years to provide employment to over 800,000 workers in the country;

WHEREAS, there is a phenomenal growth in the world market demand for wood furniture, which surpasses the demand traditionally posted by the rattan industry and this trend is seen to continue;

WHEREAS, during the **CFIP's** Presidents' Meeting in Zamboanga on July 24, 1999, a resolution was passed in support of the **DENR's** program in promoting the use of industrial tree plantation species to ensure the sustained supply of raw materials for the industry.

WHEREAS, the **DENR** and the **CFIP** have the following common objectives regarding the rational utilization of forest resources :

1. To promote efficiency in the management of natural resources for their conservation, protection and sustainable development
2. To accelerate the development of forest plantations to assure consumers a continuous supply of wood products and to help maintain the ecological balance of the country
3. To enhance the productivity of forest-based furniture industries and to make their products competitive in the global market
4. To help improve the social, economic and environmental conditions of people living in forests
5. To curtail illegal activities

WHEREAS, it is to the mutual advantage of the **DENR** and the **CFIP** to closely cooperate in pursuing and achieving the above-cited objectives, which are in accordance with the basic programs of the present Administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, and the mutual covenant hereafter contained, the parties hereto have agreed as follows:

1. DENR OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1.1 The **DENR** shall extend support to **CFIP** in ensuring that obligations and responsibilities of its members to conditions of their licenses, agreements or permits and pertinent policies of the DENR are being monitored and/or complied with;
- 1.2 The **DENR** shall require all concerned field offices to use the updated list of **Certificate of Good Membership Standing** issued by the **CFIP** as a basis, before any application or request can be processed from any individual, member or chapter of the **CFIP** engaged in industrial tree plantation development, forest products extraction, wood processing such as sawmilling, veneer and plywood making, importing and/or

exporting of wood products such as logs, lumber, veneer and plywood as well as in the dealership of the same.

- 1.3 The **DENR** shall suspend or cancel any license, agreement or permit issued to any individual member or corporation only under the due process of law except when demanded by the national interest.

To this end the **DENR** may call upon the **CFIP** to attend any and all hearings thereof in order to help to protect the interest of said member(s).

- 1.4 The **DENR** shall formulate a reporting system and implement policies and strategies to make the furniture industry globally competitive.

- 1.5 The **DENR** shall maintain the task force composed of representatives from the **DENR** and the **CFIP** wherein all policies shall be coursed through for proper coordination and consultation.

2. CFIP OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.0 The **CFIP** shall be responsible in informing all its members or all concerned about this **Memorandum of Agreement** and shall submit to the **DENR** and/or its field offices concerned an updated list of Certificate of Good Membership Standing in various regional Chapters.

- 2.1 The **CFIP** shall assist the **DENR** in monitoring and evaluating the performance of its members regarding their compliance to licenses, agreements or permits and pertinent policies of the **DENR**.

2.2 The **CFIP** shall encourage its members to participate in forest plantation development and the utilization of its by-products to sustain the increasing demand for raw materials.

To this end, the **CFIP** chapters shall: regularly submit status reports to the DENR Regional Offices, the format of which to be prescribed later by the DENR.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto affixed their signatures this ____ day of ____, 2000 in Quezon City.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**CHAMBER OF FURNITURE
INDUSTRIES OF THE
PHILIPPINES**

By:

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(Sgd.) ANTONIO H. CERILLES
Secretary

(Sgd.) EMMANUEL P. PADIERNOS
President

SIGNED THE PRESENCE OF:

(Sgd.) ROSELLER S. DE LA PEÑA (Sgd.) ANTONIO C. GOMEZ

In support of the objectives of the aforementioned MOA, more specifically for monitoring and evaluation purposes, every CENRO shall submit to RED concerned a PENRO-validated list and /or profile of all those engaged in industrial tree plantation development, forest products extraction, wood processing such as sawmilling, veneer and plywood making, importing and /or exporting of wood products such as logs, lumber veneer and plywood as well as in the dealership of the same, it shall first submit with the DENR and/or its field offices concerned an updated Certificate of Good Membership Standing issued by CFIP.

Each RED concerned shall in turn consolidate and submit aforementioned documents to the Secretary through the Forest Management Bureau within one (1) month from the date of approval of this Memorandum Circular. Henceforth, Items/Sections 1.1 and 2.2 of the aforesaid MOA shall be strictly complied with by all concerned. This MOA shall be circulated to Regional Offices for their guidance and compliance.

This Circular takes effect immediately.

(Sgd.) ANTONIO H. CERILLES
Secretary