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DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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SUBJECT: AMENDING SECTION 6 OF DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 99-53 ENTITLED "REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE INTEGRATED FOREST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (IFMP)"

Pursuant to 1987 Constitution, Article 12, Section 2, on the exploration, development, and utilization of natural resources, which may be for a period not exceeding twenty-five years, renewable for not more than twenty-five years, the following guidelines is hereby ordered:

Section 1. DENR Administrative Order No. 99-53, Section 6 is hereby amended as follows:

"Section 6. Size of IFMA Area. – The minimum size of the area that may be covered by an IFMA shall be five hundred (500) hectares and the maximum size may depend upon the capability of the applicant to develop and manage into productive condition as well as the requirements of his processing plant(s) existing or to be installed in the area/region; provided, that it shall not exceed forty thousand (40,000) hectares, preferably but not necessarily of one single block of an area; provided, however, that where a TLA is converted into IFMA, the size of the IFMA area may extend up to the size of the TLA area at the time of the conversion.

For purposes of effective management, economic scale or economies of scale, holders of adjoining or economically-distanced small-sized IFMA areas may be allowed to integrate into cooperative, a federation of cooperatives, or corporation the aggregate area of which shall not exceed 40,000 hectares; *Provided, that the original expiration date of the individual IFMAs covered by the integration shall be observed to ensure that the 50-year Constitutional limit on the use of forestlands shall not be exceeded.*"

Sec 2. Review of Previously Integrated/Consolidated IFMAs. All previously integrated/consolidated IFMAs shall be reviewed consistent with this Order and to conform with the 50-year Constitutional limit.

Sec. 3. Effectivity Clause. This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon acknowledgment of receipt of a copy hereof by the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR).

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Secretary

