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## **Laws and Regulations on Legality, Prevailing Market Requirements, Practices, Verification or Certifications in the Philippines**

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**LAWS and REGULATIONS ON LEGALITY,  
PREVAILING MARKET REQUIREMENTS,  
PRACTICES, VERIFICATION OR  
CERTIFICATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

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**TRADE OF WOOD AND OTHER FOREST  
PRODUCTS INCLUDING NON-WOOD  
PRODUCTS IS REGULATED**

**LOCAL**

**EXPORTS**

**IMPORTS**

**Extraction or harvesting of TIMBER & including non-timber products requires specific type of AUTHORITY in the form of PERMIT i.e. short and long-term permits (Contracts or Agreement) issued by the *Department of Environment & Natural Resources-DENR***

**Duration of such PERMITS vary from one year to 25 years.**

#### **LOCAL WOOD TRADE**

**Business registration**  
*(business permits issued by local Municipal or City governments)*

**Wood or Lumber registration**  
*(issued by the Department of Environment & Natural Resources varies by limits of authorities prescribed by regulations plus other supporting documents i.e. log supply contract, Environmental Compliance Certificates, location clearances, etc.)*

*Basic Forestry law*

***PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 705  
Revised Forestry Reform Code of the  
Philippines***

***CUTTING OR HARVESTING - Cutting permits***

***TRANSPORT - Transport Certificates (logs, lumber  
and non-wood forest products)***

***EXPORT - Registration or Export Authority,  
Transshipment Certificates***

***IMPORT - Import Authority***

***WOOD PROCESSING - Wood processing plant  
permits, i.e. sawmill, plywood***

*Processing of round timber in to lumber, veneer, plywood, etc likewise requires Wood Processing Plan Permit issued by the DENR.*

*Log Supply Contracts are required to establish and operate a Wood Processing Plant.*

*Log Supply contracts from foreign suppliers are required to be authenticated by the nearest Philippine Embassy or Consular Office where the supplier is located.*

#### **IMPORT & EXPORT OF TIMBER & OTHER TIMBER PRODUCTS**

**Import Authority must be secured first before any importation is done.**

**Export authority must be first secured before exportation is done.**

**Import and Export Authorities are issued by DENR Regional Directors.**

**(Note for information: Import Authority is also required for all chainsaws that will be brought into the country)**

## RULES & REGULATIONS TIMBER LEGALITY

*(DENR Administrative &  
Memorandum - specific  
guidelines)*

ASEAN TIMBER LEGALITY ASSURANCE CRITERIA	PHILIPPINE LEGAL COMPLIANCE
1. Compliance with all relevant forestry laws & regulations	All entities that harvest timber are in possession of valid permit or license issued by appropriate authorities (PD 705 - Basic Forestry Law in the Phil.)
2. Payment of statutory fees & charges (some call it <i>Royalties</i> )	DAO 2000-21 ( <i>Payment of forest charges for natural grown trees</i> ); DAO 1999-53 ( <i>Government share</i> ); DAO-2000-63 ( <i>administrative fees; etc</i> ); RA 7161 ( <i>re Forest charges</i> )

ASEAN TIMBER LEGALITY ASSURANCE CRITERIA	PHILIPPINE LEGAL COMPLIANCE
3. CITES compliance	DAO 2007-01(list of threatened species), specific provisions of the agreement or license
4. Implementation of a system that allows for the tracking of logs to the forest of origin;	DAO 2007-31( <i>Computer generated CTO/CLO</i> ); DAO 1997-04 ( <i>Transport Certificate for CMFPO</i> ); DAO 1996-06 & 1996-11 ( <i>Log Control Monitoring System-LCMS</i> )

ASEAN TIMBER LEGALITY ASSURANCE CRITERIA	PHILIPPINE COMPLIANCE
5. Timber harvested by parties who have legal rights to carry out the logging at the designated forest based on an approved plans	Based on approved CDMP, FYIOP, MYIOP ( <i>pursuant to numerous existing guidelines on the matter</i> )
6. Party who harvest the timber shall comply with the laws governing social and environmental aspects.	<b>PD 1586</b> ( <i>Philippine Environmental Impact Assessment System</i> ), <b>RA 8371</b> ( <i>IPRA Law for Free &amp; Prior Informed Consent or FPIC</i> )

**We still need to develop an (a electronic) Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) that will have access to the different documents issued by the Department**

**Current legality documents are issued in various locations and different stages of the wood trade**

**Planning to have a working TLAS for the Philippines by a single Office after accessing other documentary requirements supporting legality.**

***THANK YOU***

***SALAMAT PO!***