

Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM

DEAR/DAR JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE  
ORDER NO. 16  
SERIES OF 1990

SUBJECT: Total Ban on the Cutting of Trees Within DAR Settlement Areas

Pursuant to the government thrust of environmental protection, and the rationalization of policies in forest utilization and development, and Presidential Decree No. 705 as amended, otherwise known as the Revised Forestry Code, and Executive Order No. 62, the following are issued for the information and guidance of all concerned:

- a) A ban on the cutting of trees within DAR settlement areas - There is hereby imposed a total ban on the cutting of trees within the settlement areas of DAR. All existing permits/authorizations granted by the DENR in settlement areas, if any, are automatically terminated upon the effectivity of this Order;
- b) Penal Provision - Anyone found violating this Order shall be prosecuted in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations; If the offender is a corporation or association, the officers responsible therefor shall be criminally liable.
- c) Effectivity - This Order shall take effect ten (10) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation pursuant to Section 49 of R.A. 6657.

Manila, Quezon City. Oct. 10, 1990, 1990.

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