

**[DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 15, s. 1994,
April 29, 1994]**

**FURTHER AMENDMENTS/CLARIFICATION TO THE PROVISIONS
OF DAO 68 SERIES OF 1993, RE-ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES TO
IFP**

<DIV ALIGN=JUSTIFY>In line with the policy of the Government of ensuring continuous supply of raw materials for the forest industries from both the natural and plantation forests, thru the sustainable management of the remaining natural forest and establishment of plantations, the following amendments and/or clarifications to the provisions of DAO 68, Series of 1993, are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

<I>SECTION 1. Performance Guarantee Bond</I>. The use of performance guarantee bond as provided in sub-section 13.2 and 21.1 and Sections 14 and 33 of DENR Administrative Order No. 60 and which was waived in Item No. 27.7 under Section 1 of DAO 68, Series of 1993 as basis in the award of IFMA areas with residual forest is hereby restored. All provisions in DAO 60 Series of 1993 related to the use of guarantee bond as basis in the award of IFMA are likewise deemed restored.

<I>SECTION 2. Performance Bond for all IFMAS</I>. Performance Bond as provided in DAO 60 Series of 1993 is a surety bond primarily to guarantee the proper management and protection of residual forest and other types of natural forest within the IFMAs. With the restoration of the guarantee bond as basis of award of IFMA areas with residual forests, Item No. 14 under Sec. 2 of DAO 68, requiring all IFMA holder to maintain a performance bond of P20.00/ha. or fraction thereof and other sections thereof related to the maintenance of said bond is hereby revoked.

<I>SECTION 3. Additional Areas for IFMA</I>. IFMA holders who have completed the development of plantations within the period specified in their Comprehensive Development and Management Plans and have complied with all other terms and conditions of their IFMAs shall be entitled to annex additional area to their IFMAs; PROVIDED, that such areas are adjacent to their current IFMA areas; and PROVIDED FURTHER, that such areas do not contain residual production forest which shall in all cases be subject to public bidding as provided for in Section 14 of DAO 60.

<I>SECTION 4. Conditions for TLA Holders Converting to IFMAS</I>. Existing TLA holders of good standing who wish to convert their timber license into IFMA shall be given the full term of twenty five (25) years renewable for another twenty five (25) years and shall be allowed to continue their timber harvest operations in accordance with the approved Comprehensive Development and Management Plan and/or the Integrated Annual Operations Plan; PROVIDED, that all other conditions