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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>PHILIPPINES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Forest Management Bureau DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Marcial C. Amaro, Jr., CESO III Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Director Forest Management Bureau DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES Email: fmb@denr.gov.ph ; ohea.denr@gmail.com www.forestry.denr.gov.ph
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Fuel wood, in logs, billets, twigs, faggots or similar forms; wood in chips or particles; sawdust and wood waste and scrap, whether or not agglomerated in logs, briquettes, pellets or similar forms (HS 4401); Wood charcoal, incl. shell or nut charcoal, whether or not agglomerated (excl. wood charcoal used as a medicament, charcoal mixed with incense, activated charcoal and charcoal in the form of crayons) (HS 4402); Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared (excl. rough-cut wood for walking sticks, umbrellas, tool shafts and the like; wood in the form of railway sleepers; wood cut into boards or beams, etc.) (HS 4403); Hoopwood; split poles; piles, pickets and stakes of wood, pointed but not sawn lengthwise; wooden sticks, roughly trimmed but not turned, bent or otherwise worked, for the manufacture of walking sticks, umbrellas, tool handles or the like; chipwood, wooden slats and strips and the like (excl. hoopwood cut to length and chamfered; brush surrounds and shoe trees) (HS 4404); Wood wool; wood flour "wood powder able to pass through a fine", 0,63 mm mesh, sieve with a residue of <= 8% by weight (HS 4405); Railway or tramway sleepers "cross-ties" of wood (HS 4406); Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness of > 6 mm (HS 4407); Sheets for veneering, incl. those obtained by slicing laminated wood, for plywood or for other similar laminated wood and other wood, sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded, spliced or end-jointed, of a thickness of <= 6 mm (HS 4408); Wood, incl. strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled, continuously shaped "tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, V-jointed beaded, moulded, rounded or the like" along any of its edges, ends or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed (HS 4409); Particle board, oriented strand board "OSB" and similar board "e.g. waferboard" of wood or other ligneous materials, whether or not agglomerated with resins or other organic binding substances

	(excl. fibreboard, veneered particle board, cellular wood panels and board of ligneous materials agglomerated with cement, plaster or other mineral bonding agents) (HS 4410); Fibreboard of wood or other ligneous materials, whether or not agglomerated with resins or other organic bonding agents (excl. particle board, whether or not bonded with one or more sheets of fibreboard; laminated wood with a layer of plywood; composite panels with outer layers of fibreboard; paperboard; furniture components identifiable as such) (HS 4411); Plywood, veneered panel and similar laminated wood (excl. sheets of compressed wood, cellular wood panels, parquet panels or sheets, inlaid wood and sheets identifiable as furniture components) (HS 4412); Metallised wood and other densified wood in blocks, plates, strips or profile shapes (HS 4413); Mechanical wood pulp, not chemically treated (HS 4701); Chemical wood pulp, dissolving grades (HS 4702); Chemical wood pulp, soda or sulphate (excl. dissolving grades) (HS 4703); Chemical wood pulp, sulphite (excl. dissolving grades) (HS 4704); Wood pulp obtained by a combination of mechanical and chemical pulping processes (HS 4705); WOOD TECHNOLOGY (ICS 79)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:	DENR DAO 2021-06 "Revised Regulations Governing the Entry and Disposition of Imported Wood Products" (9 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content:	The general objective of this Order is to rationalize the requirements and procedures of the importation of wood products into the country.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:	Protection of animal or plant life or health
8. Relevant documents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential Decree No. 705, series of 1975 • Presidential Decree No. 1433, s. 1978 • Executive Order No. 192 dated June 10, 1987 • Republic Act No. 9147
9. Proposed date of adoption:	Signed by the DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, on April 21, 2021 and was published by The Manila Times and acknowledged by the U.P. Law Center on May 4, 2021. Proposed date of entry into force: 19 May 2021
10. Final date for comments:	Not applicable.
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:	<p>NEIL P. CATAJAY Director Bureau of Philippine Standards Department of Trade and Industry 3F Trade and Industry Building 361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue Makati City Philippines 1200 (632) 751 4700; (632) 7913128 bps@dti.gov.ph http://www.bps.dti.gov.ph Head of Organization https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/PHL/21_4205_00_e.pdf</p>