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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. Q3
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**SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR DOJ OPINION MUST EMANATE FROM
THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is the primary legal adviser of the government of the Republic of the Philippines. Its opinion in fact, even if not binding upon the courts, have strong persuasive effect thereto – and as such is regarded with high esteem and respect. Therefore a legal opinion on an issue of transcendental importance, especially those that goes beyond the technical metes and bounds of agrarian law, are best requested from the DOJ.

Due to its scope and weight, a DOJ Opinion can have significant effect on the policies of the government and this Department.¹ It is on this ground that henceforth **any request for a legal opinion from the DOJ must emanate from the Office of the Secretary** unless otherwise expressly directed by the said Office.

For everyone's strict compliance.

AUG 26 2015, Quezon City, Philippines.


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¹ E.g. (1) DOJ Opinion No. 44 (1990) effectively excluded from CARP Coverage all landholdings classified as non-agricultural prior to 15 June 1988; (2) DOJ Opinion No. 100 (2012) limited CARP Coverage of untitled private agricultural lands to 12 hectares, subject to certain conditions.