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SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES IN THE ORGANIZATION  
OF THE BARANGAY AGRARIAN REFORM COUNCIL (BARC)

In the organization of the Barangay Agrarian Reform Council (BARC) pursuant to Section 19 of Executive Order No. 229, the following guidelines shall be strictly observed:

I. Functions of the BARC

- a) To participate and give support to the implementation of programs on agrarian reform;
- b) To mediate, conciliate or arbitrate agrarian conflicts and issues that are brought to it for resolution;
- c) To prepare initial determination of the Annual Value of Gross Production (AVGP) of land covered by the CARP;
- d) To assist the DAR in the identification of lands, landowners and farmer-beneficiaries covered by CARP; and
- e) To perform such other functions that the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council (PARC) or the DAR Secretary may delegate from time to time.

II. Definitions of Terms

Agricultural Cooperatives - Organizations duly registered under the law and whose membership or part thereof are agrarian reform beneficiaries residing in the barangay.

Farmers Organizations - those whose purposes of which are not contrary to law, with identifiable membership and structure, and whose members reside in the barangay.

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) - private organizations directly involved in rural development and which have workers/organizers operating in the barangay.

Landowners - those who own lands within the barangay and reside within the municipality where the barangay is located, or in adjacent municipality. If there is no landowner who can fulfill this residence requirement, then any landowner who is willing and able to represent this group in activities of BARC shall qualify.

### III. Composition

The DAR shall organize and convene in all barangays with agricultural lands covered by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, BARCs composed of the eleven (11) members listed below. Those members specified in Sections (a) to (e) shall be designated by their respective offices while those in Section (g) to (k) inclusive shall, in meetings called by the Municipal Agrarian Reform Office (MARO), be elected respectively from and by the representatives of each group. An equal number of alternates from elective members shall be simultaneously elected.

- (a) A representative from the Barangay Council;
- (b) A Department of Agriculture (DA) official assigned in the barangay;
- (c) A Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) official assigned in the area;
- (d) A DAR Agrarian Reform Technologist assigned in the area;
- (e) A representative from the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP);
- (f) A representative of the farmer and farmworker beneficiaries;
- (g) A representative of the farmer and farmworker non-beneficiaries;



- (h) A representative from the agricultural cooperatives;
- (i) A representative from other farmer or farmworkers organizations;
- (j) A representative from the non-government organizations; and
- (k) A representative of the landowner.

If any elective member mentioned in Section (f) to (k) inclusive of the preceeding paragraph is unable to serve on the Council for some reasons, the alternate member shall fill the vacancy up to the end of the original member's tenure of office.

#### IV. Election

1. MARO shall, within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Memorandum Circular, prepare a voter's list of the following sectoral groups in every barangay:
  - a) Farmer and farmworker beneficiaries;
  - b) Farmer and farmworker non-beneficiaries;
  - c) Agricultural cooperative;
  - d) Other farmers organizations;
  - e) Non-government organizations; and
  - f) Landowners

The above list must be posted in the barangay hall and local center points for a period of ten (10) days prior to the scheduled elections.

2. Election of each sectoral groups shall be held separately. Each election shall be supervised by the Principal/Head Teacher of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports in the barangay, who shall likewise certify the election results. Election shall be done by secret balloting.

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- V. The MARO within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the Certificate of Election, shall convene the BARC for the formal organization and election of its officers.
- VI. The officers of the BARC are as follows:
1. Chairman
  2. Vice-Chairman
  3. The DAR representative shall act as Secretary
- VII. Elected BARC members shall hold office for two (2) years and shall be eligible for re-elections.
- VIII. Any elective BARC member who fails to fulfill his duties may be removed by a majority vote of the members. He shall be replaced by the alternate sectoral representative.
- IX. The BARC shall meet once a month or as often as necessary upon call by its Chairman or Secretary or upon request by four (4) of its members. Simple majority shall constitute a quorum and is sufficient to render a decision.
- The BARC may constitute a committee of three (3) members to receive evidence and/or make ocular investigations.
- X. A BARC member shall withdraw from the meeting when any matter concerning him personally is under discussion. He shall be replaced, in said discussion, by the alternate sectoral representative.
- XI. The BARC shall be sustained on a self-help basis. All BARC members shall serve without pay.
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- XII. All decisions of the BARC shall be final and executory unless appealed to the DAR Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer (PARO) by any person or party aggrieved within fifteen (15) days from receipt of notice thereof.

The Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer shall render his decision within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the records of the case from the MARO.

- XIII. The BARC shall have its seat at the barangay hall.

Compliance is hereby enjoined.

Diliman, Quezon City, November 23, 1987.

  
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