



Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT of AGRARIAN REFORM**

DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM  
CIRCULAR NO. 14  
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TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS, PROVINCIAL AGRARIAN REFORM OFFICERS, MUNICIPAL AGRARIAN REFORM OFFICERS AND OTHER FIELD PERSONNEL

SUBJECT : MONITORING OF DEVELOPMENT IN AREA WHEREIN CONVERSION PERMIT WAS ISSUED

It has come to our attention that after a conversion permit is issued to the applicant, some of the displaced farmers come to this Office asking for the cancellation of the said permit on the ground that there is no actual or substantial development introduced on the land.

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1990 RE: Revised Rules and Regulations Governing Conversion of Private Agricultural Lands to Non-Agricultural Uses, a time-frame to develop the area is specified.

Specifically, par. F No. IV of the Administrative Order provides the following guidelines:

"xxx To prevent the circumvention of coverage under the CARP, conversion shall be granted only upon evidence that the project to be established therein is viable and beneficial to the community affected and that the land development phase of the area can be completed within one (1) year after the issuance of the development permit where the area is five hectares or less. Should the area exceed five (5) or a fraction thereof but in no case shall the completion of

development extend beyond five (5) years from  
the issuance of development permit.xxx"

The above-quoted provision implies that the DAR has to  
monitor the development activities over the said land  
covered by a conversion permit issued by our office.

It is, therefore, directed that all MAROs shall monitor  
all development activities in their respective jurisdiction  
and to report all cases where the terms and conditions of  
the conversion order are being violated, to the Provincial  
and National Task Force on Illegal Conversion.

For strict compliance.

Diliman, Guezon City,

30 August

, 1993

  
ERNESTO D. GARILAO  
Secretary