



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM

Tunay na Pagbabago sa Reformang Agrarvo.

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 01

TO : **AGRARIAN LEGAL SECTOR
ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL PROVINCIAL AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM
OFFICER II**

ATTENTION : **THE REGIONAL CHIEFS OF LEGAL DIVISION
THE PROVINCIAL CHIEFS OF LEGAL DIVISION**

SUBJECT : **SUSPENSION OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND PROCESSES
AGRARIAN LAW IMPLEMENTATION (ALI)**

DATE : **18 MARCH 2020**

Pursuant to and in compliance with Proclamation Nos. 929 and 922 which are both issued under the Series of 2020 and the directives of the President embodied in the Memoranda dated 16 March 2020 and 17 March 2020 issued by the Executive Secretary, mandating the enhanced community quarantine over the entire Luzon as well the measures adopted by certain local government units outside Luzon with similar or related health emergency measures, and in, compliance with the Memorandum of the undersigned, the following are hereby ordered:

- 1.0. All hearings, on-site inspection and investigations, meetings, dialogues, mediation conferences and other proceedings in Luzon or in areas outside Luzon where there are similar health emergency measures being undertaken by the concerned local government unit scheduled between March 15 to April 13 of this year pursuant to the implementation of regular and special ALI rules are hereby cancelled. The rescheduling shall be undertaken by the proper office with notice to the concerned parties or on the basis of the agreement of the concerned parties upon resumption of regular government operations on April 13, 2020 or on the designated date of resumption of full government operations should the period of quarantine be extended in Luzon or the concerned province or region.
- 2.0. The running of the period for the commencement of any actions or petition, the filing of the motion for reconsideration, the perfection of an appeal, the submission of any and all pleadings, the serving of notices, the posting of notices,

as well as the time allotted for compliance with certain conditions in all regular and special ALI cases and other processes in the disposition of ALI cases are suspended in Luzon or in areas outside Luzon where there are similar health emergency measures being undertaken by the concerned local government unit.

- 3.0. The period of suspension of processes and proceedings is lifted on April 13, 2019 unless the period of quarantine is extended in Luzon or the concerned province or region. The actual balance as of 15 March 2019 of the original period for the completion of such processes and proceedings shall be the reckoning point to know the actual remaining number of days as of the date of resumption of regular government operations on April 13, 2020 or on the designated date of resumption of full government operations should the period of quarantine be extended in Luzon or the concerned province or region.
- 4.0. All DAR Offices of the Agrarian Legal Sector in Luzon or in areas outside Luzon where there are similar health emergency measures being undertaken by the concerned local government unit shall not be receiving any correspondence, petition, written query, application for cancellation or claim folder, other applications under DAR ALI and Special ALI Rules from March 15 until April 13 or on the designated date of resumption of full government operations should the period of quarantine be extended in Luzon or the concerned province or region.
- 5.0. These rules pertaining to rescheduling and the adjustment of timelines in the procedures and processes involving ALI and Special ALI cases in the DAR may change as the situation may warrant based on the latest policies from the Office of the President or the concerned local government unit(s) in connection with the current health emergency measures.

For strict compliance.


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