



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM

Tunay na Pagbabago sa Reputang Agraryo

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 02

TO : DAR ADJUDICATION BOARD
DARAB SECRETARIAT
REGIONAL AGRARIAN REFORM ADJUDICATORS
PROVINCIAL AGRARIAN REFORM ADJUDICATORS
(CAR, REGIONS I to XII, CARAGA)

FROM : THE SECRETARY AND CHAIRMAN, DARAB

SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND PROCESSES

DATE : MARCH 18, 2020


Pursuant to and in compliance with Proclamation Nos. 929 and 922 both of Series 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 as the measures adopted by certain local government units outside Luzon with similar or related health emergency measures, and in compliance with the latest Memorandum of the undersigned, the following are hereby ordered:

- 1.0. The offices of the Board Members, Regional Adjudicators and Provincial Adjudicators all over Luzon as well as in areas outside Luzon with measures adopted by the concerned local government unit with similar or related health emergency measures shall be closed during the period of the "Enhanced Community Quarantine".
- 2.0. DARAB regional and provincial field offices outside Luzon as well as outside areas with measures adopted by the concerned local government unit with similar or related health emergency measures shall continue in their normal operations.
- 3.0. All mandatory mediation conferences (preliminary conference) in Luzon as well as in areas outside Luzon with measures adopted by the concerned local government unit with similar or related health emergency measures scheduled between 15 March to 13 April 2020 are suspended and reset one (1) month from the date of scheduled conference.
- 4.0. All other hearings in Luzon as well as in areas outside Luzon with measures adopted by the concerned local government unit with similar or related health emergency measures scheduled between 15 March to 13 April 2020 are likewise suspended and reset one (1) month from the date of scheduled hearing.
- 5.0. The ~~reglementary~~ period for the filing of pleadings, motions, position papers, and other relevant papers is deemed interrupted from 15 March 2020 until 13 April 2020 in Luzon as well as in areas outside Luzon with measures adopted

by the concerned local government unit with similar or related health emergency measures. The period for the filing of such pleadings, motions, position papers, and other relevant papers shall begin to run again on 15 April 2020 based on the actual balance of the period as of March 15, 2020.

- 6.0. The ~~reglementary~~ period for the rendition of judgment (30 days) and resolution of the Motion for Reconsideration (5 days) and other orders is likewise deemed interrupted in Luzon as well as in areas outside Luzon with measures adopted by the concerned local government unit with similar or related health emergency measures for the same period and shall begin to run again on 15 April 2020.
- 7.0. The transmittal of Records on Appeal to the Board (DARAB-Central Office) shall be deemed suspended from the period 15 March to April 13, 2020 and such transmittal shall again be received thru the DARAB Secretariat on 15 April 2020.
- 8.0. The sectorial deadline (March 31, 2020) set in the directive to resolve all pending 2019 received cases is extended until 15 May 2020. Notwithstanding, all concerned Adjudicators are directed to attend to and reduce their pre-existing caseload during their downtime.
- 9.0. Personal follow up on case status and all other matters pertaining in the offices of the Regional and Provincial Agrarian Reform Adjudicators in Luzon as well as in areas outside Luzon with measures adopted by the concerned local government unit with similar or related health emergency measures has to be discouraged and strictly prohibited while the present public health emergency subsists.
- 10.0. Please be advised further to regularly visit *DAR website* for updates on new announcements or advisory as the public health emergency concerns and corresponding policy considerations may change.

For your information and strict compliance.


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