



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM

Tunay na Pagbabago sa Repormang Agraryo

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 6

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

FROM : THE SECRETARY

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

SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND PROCESSES FOR
AGRARIAN LAW IMPLEMENTATION (ALI) CASES IN VIEW OF
THE EXTENDED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ)
UNTIL 30 APRIL 2020

DATE : 08 APRIL 2020

In view of the extended Enhanced Community Quarantine throughout Luzon until 30 April 2020 as well as the adoption by local government units in Visayas and Mindanao of similar quarantine measures, the following rules shall govern proceedings involving ALI cases nationwide:

1.0. All scheduled hearings, on-site inspection and investigations, meetings, dialogues, mediation conferences and other proceedings pursuant to the regular or special ALI rules, are hereby suspended until 30 April 2020.

The aforementioned proceedings shall be rescheduled by the respective DAR office with proper notice to the concerned parties or on the basis of the agreement of the parties upon the lifting of the enhanced community quarantine and resumption of regular government operations.

2.0. The filing of petitions and appeals, motions, pleadings and other submissions involving all regular and special ALI cases that fall due during the enhanced community quarantine or up to 30 April 2020 is extended for 30 calendar days, counted from 01 May 2020, unless the period of quarantine is again extended.

3.0. The period of suspension of the regular and special ALI proceedings shall be lifted on 01 May 2020, unless a new extension of the enhanced community quarantine is announced.

4.0. All DAR offices within Luzon or in areas outside Luzon where community quarantine is likewise implemented by their LGU, shall not accept any correspondence, written queries, appearances, petitions, appeals, motions, applications, or any submissions filed under the DAR ALI or DAR Special ALI

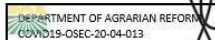
Rules until the enhanced community quarantine is lifted and full government operations have resumed.

The reglementary periods for the commencement of any action relative to the regular and special ALI cases shall be deemed interrupted during the entire duration of the enhanced community quarantine. It is likewise understood that the periods for rendition of judgments, resolutions, or orders shall also be deemed interrupted during the said period. The resumption of the running of the said periods shall be fixed by this Office as soon as the ECQ is lifted.

- 5.0. The above-mentioned guidelines involving the regular and special ALI procedures and processes may be subject to change as the situation may warrant depending on the future directives that will be issued by the Office of the President or the IATF in connection with the current enhanced community quarantine.
- 6.0. Memorandum Circular No. 1 Series of 2020 (Suspension of Legal Proceedings and Processes in ALI Cases) dated 18 March 2020 is in force and effect insofar as it does not conflict with this Circular. All other previously issued circulars and their respective provisions which are not inconsistent herewith shall remain valid and in effect.

For the guidance of all concerned.


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