Republic of the Philippines MINISTRY OF AGRARIAN REFORM Office of the Minister Diliman, Quezon City

MINISTRY MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. Series of 1985

TO

ALL MAR REGIONAL DIRECTORS

District Officers

Team Leaders and Fieldmen

Concerned Personnel

SUBJECT

Purther amending paragraph I of Ministry Memorandum Circular No. 4-80 by Providing thereon additional basis for the Issuance of Certificate of Agricultural Leasehold.

Under existing rules and guidelines, Certificates of Agricultural Leasehold (CAL) are issued for lands primarily devoted to rice and/or corn not covered by the land transfer program under PD 27 in favor of:

- Agricultural lessees with existing written leasehold contract;
- Lessees declared by final judgment of the court to be bona-fide tenant-lessees; and
- 3) Agricultural lessees whose provisional leasehold rentals have been fixed by the MAR and which have been existing for at least three (3) years without either the landowner or lessee impugning the same before a competent court.

Another group of agricultural lessees entitled to the issuance of CAL are the farmer-beneficiaries whose Certificates of Land Transfer are being recalled and cancelled on account of retention of landowners under LOI 474. To protect and strengthen the tenurial security of these farmer-beneficiaries, it is imperative that they also be issued CALs.

In this connection, paragraph I of Memorandum Circular No. 4-80 shall be amended by providing additional ground/basis for the issuance of Certificates of Agricultural Leasehold by adding a new sub-paragraph 4.1 thereof to read as follows:

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"4.1 BENEFICIARIES OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE
NO. 27 WHOSE CERTIFICATES OF LAND
TRANSFER ARE CANCELLED ON THE GROUND
THAT THE LAND COVERED THEREBY ARE
EXEMPT FROM OPERATION LAND TRANSFER
ON ACCOUNT OF RETENTION ON THE PART
OF THE LANDOWNER OR THAT THE LAND IS
LATER FOUND TO BE SMALL AND DECLARED
BY FINAL ORDER AS EXEMPT."

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This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

Compliance is hereby enjoined.

Diliman, Quezon City, December 27, 1985.

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