

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 7**

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

FROM : THE SECRETARY AND DARAB CHAIRMAN

SUBJECT : EXTENDED SUSPENSION OF DARAB PROCEEDINGS AND PROCESSES

DATE : APRIL 8, 2020

Pursuant to and in compliance with the approval of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases Resolution No. 20 by the President and thus extending the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine over the entire Luzon until 11:59 of April 30, 2020, 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 Memoranda of the undersigned, the following are hereby ordered nationwide:

- 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 continue to be closed for the duration of the "Extended 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) and 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 30 April 2020 are suspended and reset one (1) month from the date of scheduled conference/hearing.
- 4.0. The reglementary period for the filing of pleadings, motions, position papers, and other relevant papers is deemed interrupted from 15 March 2020 until 30 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 be extended to run again on 4 May 2020 based on the actual balance of the period as of March 15, 2020.


- 5.0. 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 be extended to run again on 4 May 2020.
- 6.0. The transmittal of Records on Appeal to the Board (DARAB-Central Office) shall be deemed suspended from the period 15 March to April 30, 2020 and such transmittal shall again be received thru the DARAB Secretariat on 4 May 2020.
- 7.0. The sectorial deadline (March 31, 2020) set in the directive to resolve all pending 2019 received cases is again extended until 01 June 2020.
- 8.0. Notwithstanding, all concerned Adjudicatorsshall continue to draft decisions and orders in their respective residences until 30 April 2020, which decisions and orders shall be promulgated or issued once the Adjudication Offices are fully operational.

Herein extended suspension of legal proceedings and processes shall be deemed as without prejudice to the exercise of discretion of the President to relax the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine in some local jurisdictions. The resumption of the running of the said periods shall be fixed by this Office as soon as the ECQ is lifted.

Memorandum Circular No. 2 Series of 2020 (Suspension of Legal Proceedings and Processes) 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 your guidance and strict compliance.


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