

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 13**

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 : FURTHER SUSPENSION OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND
PROCESSES

DATE : APRIL 27, 2020

Pursuant to and in compliance with the approval by the President of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases Resolution No. 28 specifically to continue the implementation of “*Enhanced Community Quarantine*” (ECQ) in Metro Manila (NCR), CALABARZON, Central Luzon, provinces of Pangasinan, Benguet, Albay, Islands of Mindoro, Cebu, Panay Islands and Davao City until May 15, 2020, and in deference to the implementation of the “*General Community Quarantine*” (GCQ) in some identified provinces/cities considered to have low or moderate risk to COVID-19, and in compliance with the latest Memoranda of the undersigned, the following are hereby ordered:

- 1.0. The offices of the Board Members, Regional Adjudicators and Provincial Adjudicators in Metro Manila (NCR), CALABARZON, Central Luzon, provinces of Pangasinan, Benguet, Albay, Islands of Mindoro, Cebu, Panay Islands and Davao City shall continually be closed for the duration of the further extended ECQ until May 15, 2020.
- 2.0. DARAB field offices in the provinces and cities deemed to have low to moderate risk to COVID-19 cases shall accordingly be of service in their “*new normal operation*” under the GCQ when the ECQ 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, ends on April 30, 2020.
- 3.0. All mandatory mediation conferences (preliminary conference) and hearings in the offices of the Board Members, Regional Adjudicators and Provincial Adjudicators in Metro Manila (NCR), CALABARZON, Central Luzon, provinces of Pangasinan, Benguet, Albay, Islands of Mindoro, Cebu, Panay Islands and Davao City scheduled between 15 March 2020 to 15 May 2020 are continually suspended and further reset. The date of resetting will be subject for further notice.

- 4.0. The reglementary period for the filing of pleadings, motions, position papers, and other relevant papers in the offices of the Board Members, Regional Adjudicators and Provincial Adjudicators in Metro Manila (NCR), CALABARZON, Central Luzon, provinces of Pangasinan, Benguet, Albay, Islands of Mindoro, Cebu, Panay Islands and Davao City remains as deemed interrupted from 15 March 2020 until 15 May 2020. The period for the filing of such pleadings, motions, position papers, and other relevant papers shall be further extended to run again on 18 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 remains as deemed interrupted in the offices of the Board Members, Regional Adjudicators and Provincial Adjudicators in Metro Manila (NCR), CALABARZON, Central Luzon, provinces of Pangasinan, Benguet, Albay, Islands of Mindoro, Cebu, Panay Islands and Davao City and shall be further extended to run again on 18 May 2020.
- 6.0. The transmittal of Records on Appeal to the Board (DARAB-Central Office) shall remain as deemed suspended from the period 15 March 2020 to 15 May 2020 and such transmittal shall be received by the Board thru the DARAB Secretariat on 18 May 2020.
- 7.0. The sectorial deadline to resolve all pending 2019-received cases earlier extended to 01 June 2020 is further extended until 30 June 2020.
- 8.0. Notwithstanding, all concerned Adjudicators shall continually draft decisions and orders in their respective residences during the extended ECQ, which decisions and orders may be promptly promulgated or issued once their adjudication offices become fully operational.
- 9.0. Herein further extension of the aforesaid suspension shall be deemed as without prejudice to the exercise of discretion of the President to relax the implementation of the ECQ or validate the implementation of GCQ in some local jurisdictions.

For your guidance and strict compliance.


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