



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM

Tunay na Pagbabago sa Repormang Agraryo

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 14

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

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

**SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND PROCESSES FOR
AGRARIAN LAW IMPLEMENTATION CASES IN VIEW OF THE
EXTENDED ECQ UNTIL 15 MAY 2020**

DATE : 28 April 2020

In view of the extended Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in the National Capital Region, Region III, Region IV-A, and other high-risk areas until 15 May 2020, the following are hereby ordered:

1.0. All scheduled hearings, on-site inspection and investigations, meetings, dialogues, mediation conferences and other proceedings pursuant to the regular or special Agrarian Law Implementation (ALI) Rules, are hereby suspended until 15 May 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 ECQ 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 ECQ or up to 15 May 2020 is extended for THIRTY (30) calendar days, counted from 18 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 15 May 2020, unless a new extension of the ECQ is announced.

4.0. All DAR offices within areas under the enhanced community quarantine, 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 ECQ 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 ECQ. It is likewise understood that the periods for rendition of judgments, resolutions, or orders shall also be deemed interrupted during the said period.

- 5.0. In accordance with the IATF-EID, the provinces considered high-risk are as follows:
- 5.1. Region I: Pangasinan
 - 5.2. Region III: Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, and Pampanga
*Tarlac and Zambales may change by 30 April 2020
 - 5.3. Region IV-A: Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal and Quezon
Region IV-B: Oriental Mindoro and Occidental Mindoro
 - 5.4. Region V: Albay and Catanduanes
 - 5.5. CAR: Benguet
 - 5.6. Visayas: Antique, Iloilo, Cebu, Cebu City, Aklan and Capiz
*All subject to recheck
 - 5.7. Mindanao: Davao del Norte and Davao City
*Subject to ECQ and recheck: Davao de Oro
- 6.0. DAR offices in areas under the General Community Quarantine, shall establish an official social media account and messenger/electronic mail to allow stakeholders and clients to communicate, set an appointment, and file any submissions electronically.
- Likewise, a disinfection area shall be established in every DAR Regional and Provincial Office and shall continue to observe social distancing and other health precautionary measures in receiving walk-in clients and performing office functions.
- 7.0. 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 ECQ.
- 8.0. Memorandum Circular Nos. 1 and 6, Series of 2020, are in force and effect insofar as they do 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 and information of all concerned.


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