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# DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM

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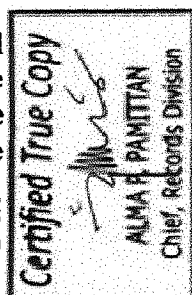
MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 09  
Series of 2019.

**SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION ON THE SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF THE UNRESOLVED AGRARIAN LAW IMPLEMENTATION CASE (ALI) COMPONENT IN CANCELLATION CASES OF EMANCIPATION PATENTS, CERTIFICATES OF LAND OWNERSHIP AWARD, AND OTHER TITLES ISSUED UNDER ANY AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM**

In accordance with the instructions of the President to complete government transactions and in accordance with the recommendations of the Regional Directors, the processing of petitions for the cancellation of Emancipation Patents (EPs), Certificates of Land Ownership Award (CLOAs), and other titles issued under any Agrarian Reform Program, with an unresolved agrarian law implementation (ALI) case shall not be acted upon until and unless the ALI component is resolved by the concerned office of the Regional Director (RD) subject to the following guidelines, thus:

- 1.0. If the ALI case already has a completed case build-up previously undertaken by a Provincial Agrarian Reform Adjudicator (PARAD), such input shall be utilized by the RD for the resolution of the ALI case.
- 2.0. If the ALI case already has a completed case build-up previously undertaken by the Provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officer II (PARPO II), such input shall be utilized by the Regional Director for the resolution of the ALI case.
- 3.0. If no case build-up has been undertaken and completed, the RD shall refer the matter to the concerned and appropriate PARPO II for case build-up. Once the case build up is completed, the Regional Director shall resolve the ALI case.
- 4.0. If the Petition for Cancellation with an unresolved ALI case is commenced by the PARPO, the case build-up and resolution of the ALI case shall be undertaken by the RD.
- 5.0. The unresolved ALI case but with a completed case build-up by the PARAD in the Petition for Cancellation shall no longer be subject to mediation and conciliation proceedings or the conduct of Ocular Inspection by the Municipal Agrarian Reform Program Officer (MARPO) under Section 16.1 to Section 16.8 of DAR A.O. No. 3, Series of 2017.

In accordance with Section 50 of R.A. No. 6657, as amended, the RD shall not be bound by technical rules of procedure and evidence but shall proceed to hear and decide the ALI case in a most expeditious manner, employing all reasonable means to ascertain the facts of every case in accordance with justice, equity, and the merits of the case. In case

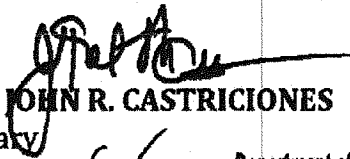


of doubt, the deciding authority shall liberally construe or interpret the applicable ALI Rules in favor of carrying out the objectives of agrarian reform, to promote a just, expeditious, and inexpensive determination of agrarian cases.

This Memorandum Circular is being issued in accordance with the authority of the Secretary to issue rules and regulations including the resolution of ALI case under Section 49 of R.A. No. 6657, as amended.

This Memorandum Circular takes effect immediately.

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