

**[DAR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 02, S. 2000,
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**MODIFIED GUIDELINES ON THE CONVERSION OF
AGRICULTURAL LANDS FOR SOCIALIZED AND LOW COST
HOUSING PURPOSES**

In support of the government's mass housing program, and pursuant to Executive Order (EO) No. 258 of the Office of the President, dated June 28, 2000, prescribing time standards in the issuance of permits for housing projects, the guidelines in the processing of applications for conversion of agricultural lands for socialized and low-cost housing, as provided for in DAR Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1999, and DAR Memorandum Circular No. 9, Series of 1999, are hereby modified or revised as follows:

SECTION 1. Coverage and Objective. — These modified guidelines shall apply only to applications for conversion involving socialized and low-cost housing projects, as defined or construed under relevant laws and regulations, duly certified to or indorsed by the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB). They are intended to expedite the processing of such conversion applications while ensuring the protection of prime agricultural lands.

SECTION 2. Creation of Mass Housing Desks. — Mass Housing Desks shall be created in the Center for Land Use Policy, Planning at Implementation (CLUPPI) at the DAR Central Office as well as in the Regional Centers for Policy, Planning and Implementation (RCLUPPIs). These Mass Housing Desks shall be responsible for the receipt, processing and disposition of all applications for conversion for socialized and low-cost housing. The Secretary shall designate the personnel who will be assigned to the Mass Housing Desks at CLUPPI 1 and 2, while the Regional Directors shall designate such personnel in their respective regions.

SECTION 3. Exemption from Certain Requirements . — The following requirements shall not be required of applicants for conversion involving socialized anti low-cost housing projects:

- a) Cash bond prescribed under Sec. 15 of DAR Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1999. In lieu thereof, the applicant shall submit a sworn undertaking to pay to the DAR, upon demand, the amount equivalent to the cash bond in the event it is discovered that the applicant has undertaken premature development pending consideration of the application for conversion;