

**[ DAR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 10, August 30, 1994 ]**

**AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER (A.O.) NO. 13, SERIES OF 1990 ENTITLED "RULES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING EXEMPTION OF LANDS FROM COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM (CARP) COVERAGE UNDER SECTION 10 OF R.A. NO. 6657", TO AUTHORIZE ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS TO HEAR AND DECIDE APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION FOR ALL LAND SIZES**

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Rationale

To accelerate the processing and evaluation of various applications for exemption and exclusion of lands covered by CARP, the authority of the Regional Directors (RDs) to approve or disapprove applications for exemption from CARP coverage of lands five (5) hectares and below pursuant to Section IV-C of Administrative Order (A.O.) No. 13, s. 1990, is hereby amended and expanded to include all land sizes.

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Rationale

Specifically, Section IV-C of A.O. No. 13, s. 1990 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Operating Procedures for Regional Directors

1. Review and evaluate the report of findings and recommendations of the Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer (PARO) and Municipal Agrarian Reform Officer (MARO), and other documents contained in the Application for Land Exemption Folder (ALEF).
2. If the documents are in order, issue an Order of Approval or Order of Denial hereof, otherwise return the ALEF to the DAR Provincial Office (DARPO) for further action.
3. Forward the Order of Approval or Denial to the PARO for distribution to the contending parties and counsel, if any, furnishing a copy to the Office of the Secretary, Undersecretary for Field Operations, Legal Affairs Office (Attn.: Bureau of Agrarian Legal Assistance (BALA)), and the Management Information Service within 15 days from the release of the Order of Approval or Denial.

The Order of the RD approving or denying the application for exemption shall become final 15 days from receipt of the same, unless an appeal is made to the DAR Secretary.