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MEMORANDUM

TO : All Regional Executive Directors

FROM : Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources
and Legislative Affairs

**SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION ON THE ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING
OF AGRICULTURAL FREE PATENTS IN CONNECTION WITH
THE EXPIRATION OF FILING OF APPLICATIONS ON
DECEMBER 31, 2020 PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO.
9176**

DATE : ~~NOV 23 2020~~

In connection with the upcoming deadline for the filing of Agricultural Free Patent Applications on December 31, 2020 pursuant to Republic Act No. 9176, the following clarifications are issued for the guidance of all concerned.

1. All CENROs shall continue to accept Agricultural Free Patent Applications until December 31, 2020, in compliance with RA 9176.
2. All subsisting and new Applications filled on or before December 31, 2020, shall continue to be processed for the Fiscal Year 2021. However, the turn-around-time shall observe the 110 maximum days as per Citizen's Charter No. RO-L-03 "Application for Free Patent (Agricultural)", in compliance with RA 11032 or "Ease of Doing Business Act".
3. After the said deadline, the Regions can still process requests for subdivision of lots for titling purposes, but may only resume acceptance of new Agricultural Free Patent Applications once the Bills proposing to extend or remove the deadline for filling has been approved by Congress.

Please be guided accordingly.


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