



MEMORANDUM

03 MAY 2023

FOR : All Regional Executive Directors
All Chiefs, Legal Divisions
DENR Regional Offices

FROM : The Assistant Secretary
Legal Affairs
The Chairperson, Anti-Illegal Land Titling Committee
Special Order 2021-716

SUBJECT : REITERATION ON THE SUBMISSION OF DATA ON
REVERSION CASES IN THE DIFFERENT REGIONAL
OFFICES OF THE DENR PURSUANT TO SPECIAL ORDER
2021-716

This refers to our previous Memoranda dated 22 October 2022¹ and 31 January 2023² directing all DENR Regional Offices to submit their respective inventory of pending reversion cases including titles under investigation for possible filing of reversion complaints pursuant to Special Order (SO) 2021-716³.

The said SO has mandated the Anti-Illegal Land Titling Committee (AILTC) to conduct a continuing inventory of all illegal/irregularly issued registered patents/land titles nationwide.

In connection thereto, the SO also required the Chiefs of Legal Division of DENR-Regional Offices to maintain a database of reversion cases prosecuted within their jurisdiction and submit to the Committee a yearly report on these cases on or before the 30th of January, without prejudice to the Chairperson's request for a more frequent or for an earlier submission.

As of this date, only 9 out of 15 Regional Offices have submitted their inventory of pending reversion cases within their respective jurisdiction in compliance with the said Memoranda, *to wit*:

No.	Regional Office	Date of Submission
1.	CAR	23 February 2023
2.	Region I	16 March 2023
3.	Region IV-A CALABARZON	25 January 2023
4.	MIMAROPA Region	29 March 2023
5.	Region V	14 February 2023
6.	Region VII	02 November 2022
7.	Region X	28 February 2023

¹ Copy of the Memorandum dated 22 October 2022 is attached as Annex "A".

² Copy of the Memorandum dated 31 January 2023 is attached as Annex "B".

³ Copy of Special Order 2021-716 is attached as Annex "C".

Regional Office	Observations
1. CAR	<i>Inventory for Titles under Investigation:</i> 1. Total lot area covered is not reflected in the "Lot Description"
2. Region I	<i>Inventory for CTC under Investigation:</i> 1. Total lot area covered is not reflected in the "Lot Description"
3. Region IV-A CALABARZON	<i>Pending Reversion Cases and Titles under Investigation:</i> Handling lawyer/action officer not reflected in all data entries
4. Region IV-B MIMAROPA	<i>Pending Reversion Cases:</i> 1. Current condition of the subject lot is not reflected in all entries 2. Data for admin cases against DENR employees not supplied <i>Titles under Investigation:</i> 1. Handling lawyer/action officer not reflected in a some entries 2. Total lot area covered is not reflected in some entries
5. Region V	<i>Titles under Investigation:</i> 1. Total lot area covered not reflected in the "Lot Description"
6. Region VII	<i>Pending Reversion Cases:</i> 1. Current condition of the subject lot is not reflected in all entries 2. Data for admin cases against DENR employees not supplied 3. Some data have no grounds indicated No statement on Titles under investigation for possible filing of reversion complaints
7. Region X	<i>Pending Reversion Cases:</i> 1. Current condition of the subject lot is not reflected in all entries 2. Data for admin cases against DENR employees not supplied 3. Grounds for reversion not stated in all entries <i>Inventory for Titles under Investigation:</i> 1. Total lot area covered is not reflected in the "Lot Description"
8. Region XI	<i>Inventory for Titles under Investigation:</i> 1. Kindly add the Lot area in - OCT No. P-1603 (Heirs of Macario Bermudez).
9. Region XII	<i>Inventory for CTC under Investigation:</i> 1. Total lot area covered is not reflected in the "Lot Description" 2. Grounds for reversion not stated in all entries

Notably, on 24 April 2023, the management asked for specific data on the lot area covered by/subject of reversion cases. However, since there is no available data regarding the same from the previously submitted inventories, this Office, instead, forwarded to the management an estimation of the said lot areas.

In order to address the lacking official data from the Regional Offices, the template for the **inventory of pending reversion cases is modified**, with the addition of a column for the **"total lot area covered by/subject of reversion case"**.

With regard to the inventory for titles under investigation, this Office emphasizes that the total lot area covered by the subject title should be included in its "Lot Description".

For guidance, the inventory report should include the following:

For reversion cases pending in Court:	For Titles under investigation:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Case Title 2. Docket Number 3. Venue 4. Grounds for Reversion 5. Handling Lawyer/Action Officer (Regional Office) & OSG Counterpart 6. Case status 7. Current condition of the subject land 8. Total lot area covered by/subject of reversion case 9. Administrative case/s against DENR employees filed with complete details 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OCT/TCT No. 2. Name of the Title holder 3. Lot Description (including the total lot area covered by/subject of reversion case and location of the lot) 4. Possible ground for Reversion 5. Handling Lawyer/Action Officer 6. Status/Remarks

From the foregoing, this Office is following up the compliance of the Regional Offices which have not yet submitted their inventory reports up to this date. While the Regional Offices with lacking data in their submitted inventories are directed to resubmit and reflect such missing information in their inventory reports. Kindly submit your respective inventory reports using the **modified template⁴** within 3 days upon receipt of this Memorandum.

For easier recording and compilation, the **soft copy** of the inventory report may be sent to the Anti-Illegal Land Titling Committee Technical Working Group by uploading the same in this google drive link: <https://bit.ly/41tRcpu>.

Please notify this Office once you have uploaded the soft copies of your inventory reports through this email: aftc@denr.gov.ph.

Likewise, you may access the digital copy of the template at <https://bit.ly/43FroZi>.

Lastly, please be reminded that the submission of these data are deemed important in order for the Department to properly address the issues surrounding illegal or irregular issuance of titles. Your cooperation is needed.

For strict compliance.


ATTY. MICHELLE ANGELICA D. GO, CESO II

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The Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

The Undersecretary
Legal and Administration

The OIC, Director
Policy and Planning Service

The Director
Land Management Bureau

⁴ Copy of the inventory template is attached as Annex "D".



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ANNEX A

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13 OCT 2022

URGENT MEMORANDUM

FOR : All Regional Executive Directors
All Chiefs, DENR Regional Legal Divisions

FROM : The Assistant Secretary
Legal Affairs
The Chairperson, Anti-Illegal Land Titling Committee
Special Order 2021-716

SUBJECT : SUBMISSION OF DATA ON REVERSION CASES IN THE
DIFFERENT REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE DENR
PURSUANT TO SPECIAL ORDER 2021-716

This has reference to the mandate of the Anti-Illegal Land Titling Committee (AILTC) to conduct a continuing inventory of illegal/irregularly issued registered patents/land titles nationwide pursuant to Special Order (SO) 2021-716.¹

Per the new SO, the Chiefs of the Legal Division of DENR Regional Offices are required to maintain a database of reversion cases prosecuted within their jurisdiction and submit to the AILTC a yearly report on these cases on or before the 30th of January, **without prejudice to the Chairperson's request for a more frequent or for an earlier submission.**

In line with such, your offices are directed to comply with the inventory templates² attached for uniformity. Please submit your reports reflecting the latest data on or before **14 October 2022** addressed to the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for Legal Affairs. Please provide a summary of the information provided at the bottom of the tables showing the following: (1) total number of pending reversion cases already filed before the courts; and (2) breakdown of all pending reversion cases based on grounds used.

It is also requested that the soft copy of such reports be sent to aftc@denr.gov.ph for easier recording and compilation. You may access the digital copy of the template at Google Drive link: <https://bit.ly/3fRMaOR>.

For your immediate and preferential compliance, please.


ATTY. MICHELLE ANGELICA D. GO, CESO II

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The Undersecretary
Legal, Administration, Human Resources and
Legislative Affairs

The Undersecretary
Field Operations - Luzon, Visayas and Environment

The Undersecretary
Field Operations - Mindanao

The Director
Legal Affairs Service

¹ Copy of Special Order 2021-716 is attached as Annex "A".

² Template for inventory of reversion cases is attached as Annex "B".

ANNEX B



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31 JAN 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO All Regional Executive Directors, DENR Regional Offices
Members, Anti-Illegal Land Titling Committee

All Chiefs, DENR Regional Legal Divisions
Focal Persons, Anti-Illegal Land Titling Committee

The Director
Land Management Bureau
The Vice Chairperson, Anti-Illegal Land Titling Committee

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It is provided in the SO that the Chiefs of Legal Division of DENR- Regional Offices are required to maintain a database of reversion cases prosecuted within their jurisdiction and submit to the Committee a yearly report on these cases on or before the 30th of January, without prejudice to the Chairperson's request for a more frequent or for an earlier submission.

Thus, your offices are directed to submit an updated inventory of reversion cases within your respective jurisdictions on or before 30 January 2023. For uniformity, a copy of templates of the inventory² is attached in this Memorandum. Please provide a summary of the following: (1) total number of pending reversion cases already filed before the courts; (2) breakdown of all pending reversion cases based on grounds used; (3) total number of lands reverted back to the mass of public domain.

¹ Copy attached as Annex "A".

² Copy attached as Annex "B".



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ANNEX C

DENR Special Order
No. 2021 - 716

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SUBJECT: RECONSTITUTION OF THE ANTI-FAKE TITLES COMMITTEE MEMBERS, EXPANDING ITS FUNCTIONS AND RENAMING IT AS "ANTI-ILLEGAL LAND TITLING (AILT) COMMITTEE"

In the interest of service, in order to address the pernicious effects posed by illegally or irregularly issued land patents and registered titles, and in consonance with the mandate of the Department over lands of the public domain, the Anti-Fake Titling Committee is hereby renamed as "Anti-Illegal Land Titling (AILT)," its members reconstituted and its functions expanded.

The Committee shall be composed of the following:

The Assistant Secretary, Legal Affairs	Chairperson
The Director, Land Management Bureau	Vice Chairperson
The Director, Legal Affairs Service	Vice Chairperson

Members:

From the Legal Affairs Service (LAS)

The Chief, Claims and Conflicts Division	Member
The Chief, Litigation and Prosecution Division	Member
The Chief, Investigation and Arbitration Division	Member
The Head, Zero Backlog Task Force	Member
The Chief, Legal Research and Opinion Division	Member
The Chief, Internal Affairs Division	Member
The Chief, Legal Crisis Prevention and Management Division	Member

From the Field Office (FO):

The Regional Executive Director of the area of concern.	Provisional Member
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A **Technical Working Group** is hereby created to assist the Committee in the performance of its functions which shall be composed of the following:

The Chief, Legal Crisis Prevention and Management Division, LAS	TWG Head
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ANNEX D

PENDING REVERSION CASES

As of (date)

Case Title	Docket Number	Venue	Ground for Reversion	Handling Lawyer/Action Officer (Regional Office) & OSG Counterpart	Case Status	Current Condition of the Subject Land	Total Lot Area covered by/subject of reversion case	Administrative case/s against DENR Employees filed with Complete Details

Total number of pending reversion cases: _____

Breakdown of reversion cases based on ground: _____

Office

CERTIFICATES OF TITLE UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR POSSIBLE INITIATION OF REVERSION COMPLAINTS

As of (date)

Original Certificate of Title or Transfer Certificate of Title	Name of Titleholder	Lot Description (Total Lot Area covered and Location)	Possible Ground for Reversion	Handling Lawyer or Action Officer	Status/Remark