



MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO: Director, Legal Affairs Service (Vice- Chairperson, PTWG)
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FROM : The Chairperson, and OIC Director Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **HIGHLIGHTS OF PTWG MEETING NO. 2023-13 HELD ON 16
November, 2023 | 1:00 PM**

DATE : 16 JAN 2024

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FOR INFORMATION.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN



PTWG No. 2023-13
AGREEMENTS/ WAYS FORWARD
November 16, 2023 (1:00 PM to 3:21 PM)

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**DENR Administrative Order
No. 2023 - _____**

**SUBJECT : GUIDELINES ON THE PROCESS OF VERIFICATION
AND ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATION OF LAND
CLASSIFICATION STATUS RELATIVE TO THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUPPORT TO
PARCELIZATION OF LANDS FOR INDIVIDUAL
TITLING (SPLIT) PROJECT**

Pursuant to the provisions of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended, "Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines"; Commonwealth Act No. 141 of 1936 "Public Land Act"; Republic Act 6657 or the "Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988"; Republic Act 9700, entitled "An Act Strengthening the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), Extending the Acquisition and Distribution of all Agricultural lands, instituting necessary reforms, Amending for the Purpose Certain Provisions of Republic Act No. 6657, otherwise known as Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, as amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor"; Department of Agrarian Reform - Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DAR-DENR) Joint Administrative Order No. 09, series of 2021 "Rules Governing the Management of Collective Certificates of Land Ownership Awards (CCLOAs) falling within Lands Classified as Forest lands/Timberlands, National Parks, and Mineral lands or within Unclassified Public Forests", and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations, the following guidelines and procedures are hereby prescribed for the guidance and compliance of all concerned.

Section 1. Basic Policies. It is the policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature and at the same time to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty by promoting comprehensive rural development and agrarian reform.

Section 2. Objectives. This Order aims to provide guidelines on the process of verification and issuance of the certification of the Land Classification Status of the areas issued with CCLOAs under the CARP which is included in the SPLIT Project.

Section 3. Scope and Coverage. This Order shall only cover the issuance of certification of Land Classification status of the 1.3 million hectares of land covered by CCLOAs in 76 provinces in 15 regions in the country. CCLOAs subject to verification and issuance of Land Classification status prior to the effectivity of this policy shall be in accordance with existing policies, laws, rules, and regulations on the matter.

Section 4. Definition of Terms. For this guideline, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

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- a. **Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs)** – refers to farmers who were granted lands under Presidential Decree No. 27, Republic Act No. 6657, and Republic Act No. 9700 and regular farmworkers who are landless, irrespective of tenurial agreement, who benefited from the redistribution of lands, regardless of crops or fruits produced, to include the totality of factors and support services designed to lift the economic status of the beneficiaries and all other alternative arrangements to the physical distribution of lands, such as production or profit-sharing, labor administration, and the distribution of shares of stock which will allow beneficiaries to receive a just share of the fruits of the lands they work.
- b. **Agricultural Land (Alienable and Disposable Land)** – refers to land devoted to agricultural activity as defined in RA 6657 (Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program Law of 1988) and is not classified as mineral, forest, residential, or commercial.
- c. **Approved Survey Plans** – refers to the survey plan of subdivided CLOA verified and approved by the DENR.
- d. **Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA)** – refers to an agrarian reform title evidencing ownership of the land granted or awarded to agrarian reform beneficiaries.
- e. **Collective Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CCLOA)** – refers to an existing registered CLOA issued by the DAR to farmer's cooperative, farmer's association, other organized groups of ARBs, or groups of ARBs not organized.
- f. **Forest land** – refers to the land of the public domain which includes public forest, permanent forest or forest reserves, and forest reservations, including unclassified public forests.
- g. **Indicative Map** – refers to the map showing the parcel of CCLOAs overlaid using the replotted LC Map.
- h. **Land Classification (LC)** – refers to the system of determining land of the public domain into forest land, mineral land, national parks, and agricultural land based on the 1987 Philippine Constitution.
- i. **Land Classification Map** – refers to the map showing the classification of lands of the public domain found on the land classification system undertaken by the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR), through the Bureau of Forestry, the Ministry of Natural Resources through the Bureau of Forest Development, and the DENR.
- j. **Land Classification Verification Zone** – refers to the identified area covered by the one (1) kilometer LC Verification Zone (five hundred (500) meters on both sides) from the common boundary line of opposing determined land classifications.

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- k. **Mineral lands** – any area where mineral resources are found.

- l. **National Parks** – refers to the lands of the public domain classified as such in the Constitution which include all areas under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) under Republic Act No. 7586, as amended by Republic Act No. 11038, primarily designated for the conservation of native plants and animals, their associated habitats and cultural diversity.

- m. **Projection** – refers to the activity of defining the correct geographic and projected coordinate system of the CCLOA parcels and their actual location based on the attached technical description.

- n. **Proclamation** - an act of the President reserving any tract/s of land of the public domain for government use or any of its branches or instrumentalities or of the inhabitants thereof, for public or quasi-public or uses.

- o. **Protected Area** – refers to an identified portion of land and/or water set aside because of their unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance biological diversity, and protected against destructive human exploitation.

- p. **Replotted Land Classification Map** – refers to the map showing the boundary lines between forest and alienable and disposable lands as a result of LC map plotting which is a method of transferring and adjusting the LC lines and corners in a topographic map based on natural features common to both maps.

- q. **Support for Parcelization of Land for Individual Titling (SPLIT) Project** – refers to the program conceptualized and spearheaded by DAR which aims to improve land tenure security and strengthen the property rights of ARBs through the parcelization and individual titling of 1,368,883 hectares of land covered by CCLOAs in 76 provinces in 15 regions in the country.

- r. **Unclassified Public Forest (UPF)** – refers to lands of the public domain which have not yet been subjected to land classification.

- s. **Verification** – refers to establishing the accuracy and validity of the Land Classification Status of the subject CCLOA parcel.

Section 5. The DENR SPLIT Project Technical Working Group (TWG). The TWG shall provide guidance and ensure effective and efficient implementation in the assessment, verification, and issuance of LC status of CCLOAs covered by the project.

The TWG shall be chaired by the Director of the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) while the Director of the Land Management Bureau (LMB) shall serve as its Vice-Chair

149 and to be assisted by the TWG Secretariat from FMB for all the administrative and
150 technical support.

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152 The representative/s from the Legal Affairs Service (LAS), Policy and Planning Service
153 (PPS), Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations (OUFO) of the DENR Central
154 Office; National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA); Biodiversity
155 Management Bureau (BMB); Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB); FMB; and LMB
156 shall serve as its Members.

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158 The TWG shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

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160 5.1 Prescribe technical standards to field teams in the preparation of indicative
161 maps;

162 5.2 Organize and provide technical support in the conduct of appropriate
163 training programs, preparation of training materials, data analysis, and
164 monitoring of program implementation;

165 5.3 Assure conformance to quality standards of the delineation and
166 assessment of work, the conduct of periodic performance monitoring,
167 including field validation as deemed necessary;

168 5.4 Formulate recommendations to resolve operational problems pertaining to
169 special field conditions at the request of the Regional SPLIT Ground
170 Validation Team;

171 5.5 Manage records, survey returns, maps, draft bills, and other pertinent
172 documents, and disseminate said documents as appropriate; and

173 5.6 Undertake other related activities and functions that may be assigned.

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175 **Section 6. Creation of Regional SPLIT Ground Validation Team.** The DENR
176 Regional Office shall organize such number of Regional SPLIT Ground Validation
177 Teams as it deems necessary through an issuance of a Regional Special Order which
178 shall be composed of the following technical personnel, such as but not limited to:

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180 **Lead:** Technical Personnel from the Surveys and Mapping Division of the
181 DENR Regional Office

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Members:

183 a. Technical Personnel from the Licenses, Patents, and Deeds
184 Division of the DENR Regional Office

185 b. One (1) Technical Personnel from DENR Provincial Environment
186 and Natural Resources Office (DENR-PENRO)

187 c. One (1) LC Verifier from the DENR Community Environment and
188 Natural Resources Office (DENR-CENRO) or DENR-PENRO (for
189 implementing PENROs)

190 d. One (1) Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) or a representative
191 from the Protected Area (PA) Management Office (if applicable)

192 e. One (1) representative from DAR Regional/Field Offices

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194 The Regional SPLIT Ground Validation Team shall conduct the activities specified in
195 Section 8. Process of Verification of Land Classification Status, Item 8.3 Ground
196 Validation. The Chief of the Surveys and Mapping Division (SMD) shall supervise,
197 lead, and act as an oversight in the overall conduct of ground validation activities within
198 the Region.

199 **Section 7. Data Requirements.** The following are the minimum data and information
200 needed to verify Land Classification Status, to wit:

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202 a. Shapefiles of the Survey Plan of the CCLOAs projected using PRS'92
203 b. Topographic Maps
204 c. Cadastral Maps
205 d. LMB Administrative Maps (LMB)
206 e. LC Maps and Replotted LC Maps
207 f. Maps of legislated protected areas/national parks
208 g. Other relevant management arrangements (e.g. Proclamations,
209 Reservations, among others)
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211 The above-mentioned data requirements will be used in the map overlay analysis to
212 determine the relative location of the CCLOAs, overlaps with other thematic data, and
213 conduct of other pertinent GIS analysis necessary to ensure the accuracy of analysis.
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215 **Section 8. Process of Verification of Land Classification Status.** Prior to the
216 conduct of pre-processing activities, the concerned DENR Regional Offices should
217 ensure that the cleansing of data in the Land Administration and Management
218 Systems Digital Cadastral Database (LAMS DCDB) is already completed. Moreover,
219 existing applications for land titling should be verified to ensure that there are no
220 overlaps.
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222 The following provides for the process of verification of land classification status
223 (*please see Annex A for the process flow*):
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225 8.1. Data Acquisition and Pre-Processing
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227 8.1.1. The DENR-LMB shall verify the list of Survey Plans of CCLOAs, including
228 its shapefiles, in the LAMS DCDB, upon submission by the Department
229 of Agrarian Reform (DAR). The DENR-LMB shall ensure that the
230 submitted shapefiles have complete data/information in the attribute
231 table.
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233 8.1.2. Survey Plans which do not have shapefiles and are not included in the
234 LAMS database including those which are deemed erroneous (e.g.
235 inaccurate location, duplicated, erroneous technical descriptions. etc.)
236 upon checking of LMB in the LAMS DCDB, shall officially be returned to
237 DAR for encoding, digitization, and/or rectification. The LMB shall
238 uniquely identify the erroneous accounts as reference for the rectification
239 of DAR. The DAR shall return the rectified shapefiles to LMB within three
240 (3) working days upon receipt for rechecking.
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242 8.1.3. Shapefiles that were included in the LAMS DCDB and are already
243 encoded, digitized, and rectified by DAR shall then be transmitted to
244 NAMRIA for projection and initial filtering.
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246 8.1.4 The NAMRIA will then conduct the initial filtering of the datasets. The
247 map overlay analysis of the shapefiles (e.g. coastline, administrative

248 boundaries, CCLOA parcels, satellite imagery, to name some) will be
249 conducted to be able to segregate the following parcels:

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- 251 a. Those that are found to be on the water;
 - 252 b. Those that are claimed to be geographically located within a
253 certain Region/Province/Municipality/City/Barangay but are found
254 to be outside of that location; and
 - 255 c. Those which have long boundary lines or which have erroneous
256 Technical Descriptions (TDs);
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258 The parcels should have three (3) lines or corners common to actual
259 ground features such as but not limited to Road, Rice paddies/*Pilapil*,
260 Waterways, Tree line, CHB Walls/fences, Adjacent parcels, and land
261 cover. Those CCLOAs which are found to be in scenarios described in
262 letters a to c above shall not pass the initial filtering.

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264 8.1.5. All shapefiles pertaining to the Survey Plans of CCLOA parcels that did
265 not pass the initial filtering shall be returned to DAR for rectification. The
266 NAMRIA shall uniquely identify the erroneous accounts as a reference
267 for the rectification of DAR.

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269 8.1.6. All rectified shapefiles of Survey Plans of the CCLOA parcels from DAR
270 shall be transmitted back to NAMRIA within three (3) working days for
271 re-verification.

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273 8.2. Data Analysis and Land Classification Verification

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275 8.2.1. Shapefiles of the Survey Plans of CCLOA parcels that passed the initial
276 filtering will proceed with the Data Analysis and Land Classification
277 Verification. The NAMRIA shall conduct a map overlay of the shapefiles
278 of the CCLOA parcel and LC Maps and standardize the attribute table of
279 all CCLOA parcels by identifying and supplying information such as but
280 not limited to: the LC Status, Project Number, Block Number, LC Map
281 Number, and Remarks.

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283 In the event that there are missing LC maps, the CCLOAs affected by
284 the missing LC maps shall not be subjected to parcelization and cannot
285 be issued with individual titles.

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287 The following scenarios will be produced in the conduct of the map
288 overlay:

- 289 a. CCLOA parcels within classified Agricultural lands (Alienable and
290 Disposable);
 - 291 b. CCLOA parcels within classified Forest lands (FL), National Parks
292 (NP), Mineral lands (ML), and Unclassified Public Forests (UPF);
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 - 294 c. CCLOA parcels within the one (1) kilometer (five hundred (500)
295 meters on both sides) LC Verification Zone.
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297 The results of the map overlay shall be presented by NAMRIA to the
298 TWG for information and vetting.
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300 8.2.2 CCLOAs that are found to be entirely within classified Agricultural lands
301 (Alienable and Disposable Lands) shall be referred to DAR for
302 subdivision and issuance of Individual Titles. The database of CCLOAs
303 within A&D shall be updated by LMB.
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305 While, CCLOAs that are found to be within Forest lands, National Parks,
306 Mineral lands, and Unclassified Public Forests shall be transmitted to the
307 DENR Regional Office for the issuance of the Certification of LC Status.
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309 NAMRIA shall provide appropriate documents/ certifications to the
310 Regional Offices concerned as basis for the issuance of Certification of
311 LC Status.
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313 8.2.3. Parcels of CCLOAs found to be within one (1) kilometer LC Verification
314 Zone (five hundred (500) meters on both sides of the LC line) shall
315 undergo re-verification through ground validation using the indicative
316 map prepared by NAMRIA.
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318 8.3. Ground Validation

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320 Parcels of CCLOAs which are found to be entirely or with portions within the
321 LC Verification Zone shall be subjected to ground validation by the Regional
322 SPLIT Ground Validation Team duly created in consonance to Section 6 of
323 this Order to determine and assess the condition of the area and to gather
324 relevant information that can be used as a basis for determining the
325 appropriate land classification of the subject parcel/s subject to existing
326 policies, laws, rules, and regulations.
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328 8.4 Consultation Workshop

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330 The TWG and/or the concerned DENR Regional Office shall conduct a
331 consultation meeting to discuss the findings of the SPLIT Regional Ground
332 Validation Team.
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334 The TWG Secretariat shall prepare an agreement form containing the issues,
335 recommendations, and agreed course/s of action that will be signed by the
336 concerned representatives from the DENR present during the consultation
337 workshop.
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339 8.5. Submission of ground validation results and agreement forms

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341 A ground validation report with pertinent documentation (i.e. geo-tagged
342 photos, field notes, etc.) and categorical recommendations shall be
343 submitted to the Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services (ARD-
344 TS) to issue the appropriate certification of LC status. A copy of the validation
345 report should be furnished to the TWG, through the TWG Secretariat for
346 information and record purposes.

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8.6 Issuance of Certification of Land Classification Status and subsequent appropriate management arrangement

The certification of land classification status shall be issued corresponding to the LC status of the parcels of CCLOAs which are found to be within classified agricultural lands, forest lands, national parks, mineral lands, or unclassified public forests.

- a. CCLOAs within classified Agricultural lands (Alienable and Disposable) which were already issued with the appropriate certification will be transmitted back to DAR by the DENR Regional SPLIT Ground Validation Team through the TWG to continue the process of subdivision/parcelization of the CCLOAs, and issuance of individual titles
- b. CCLOAs within forest lands, national parks, mineral lands, or unclassified public forests shall be canceled by DAR and be transmitted to FMB and BMB for assessment and subsequent issuance of appropriate tenurial instruments.

8.7 Updating of database

Parcels of CCLOAs which are found to be within forest lands, national parks, mineral lands, or unclassified public forests that and are included in the LAMS DCDB will be delisted by the LMB upon issuance of appropriate tenure by DENR.

Section 9. Miscellaneous Provision. The DENR Field Offices shall exert due diligence in the review and verification of the status of lands subject to CLOA application that is undergoing processing to ensure that no new CLOAs shall be issued within lands classified as forest lands/timberlands, national parks, mineral lands, or unclassified public forests.

Section 10. Conduct of Training and Leveling-Off. The DENR shall conduct training/orientation/leveling-off activities and workshops in the Regional and Field Offices to be participated by technical personnel from the DENR and DAR to ensure that the activities in the field shall be conducted correctly and efficiently relative to the operations stated herewith.

Section 11. Issuing Authority. The Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services (ARDTS) shall be authorized to issue Certification of LC Status for SPLIT project purposes only.

Provided that appropriate documentation such as, but not limited to agreement forms, field notes, validation reports, map outputs, and other pertinent documents from NAMRIA (whichever is applicable) shall be used as the basis of the ARDTS in issuing such certification.

Section 12. Funding Activities pertaining to the conduct of verification and issuance of the certification of Land Classification Status shall be charged to the SPLIT Project

397 Fund of DAR in consonance with the signed inter-agency Memorandum of Agreement
398 (MOA).

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400 **Section 13. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Order shall be held invalid
401 or unconstitutional, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected shall
402 continue in full force and effect.

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404 **Section 14. Effectivity Clause.** This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
405 publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon acknowledgment of receipt
406 of a copy hereof by the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR) of the
407 UP Law Center.

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