

public interest is prejudiced thereby. Upon approval of the withdrawal of an appeal, the case shall stand as if no appeal had ever been taken.

SECTION 11. When Appeal is Submitted for Decision. — The appeal shall be deemed submitted for decision upon the filing of the last pleading or memorandum as may be required or permitted to be filed by the Board, or upon the expiration of the period for its filing.

SECTION 12. Period to Decide Appeal. — The Board shall render its decision on appeal before it, as much as possible, within thirty (30) days after its submission.

SECTION 13. Finality of Decisions/Resolutions. — Decisions/resolutions/orders of the Board shall become final after the lapse of fifteen (15) days from receipt of a copy thereof by the counsel or representative on record, and by the party himself whether or not he is appearing on his own behalf, whichever is later, unless an appeal or motion for reconsideration thereof is filed within such period. In all cases, the parties themselves shall be furnished with a copy of the decision/resolution/order.

If a copy of the decision cannot be served personally or by mail and publication is effected in accordance with Section 3, Rule 13 hereof, said decision shall become final after the lapse of sixty (60) days from the date of publication.

Only one motion for reconsideration by either party shall be allowed and entertained.

RULE XV Judicial Review

SECTION 1. Appeal to the Court of Appeals. — Any decision, order, resolution, award or ruling of the Board on any agrarian dispute or any matter pertaining to the application, implementation, enforcement, interpretation of agrarian reform laws or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, may be brought on appeal within fifteen (15) days from receipt of a copy thereof, to the Court of Appeals in accordance with the Rules of Court.

SECTION 2. Findings of Fact; Final and Conclusive. — The findings of fact of the Board, if based on substantial evidence, shall be final and conclusive upon the courts pursuant to Section 54, Republic Act No. 6657.

SECTION 3. No Restraining Order or Preliminary Injunction. — Except for the Supreme Court, no court in the Philippines shall have jurisdiction to issue any restraining order or writ of preliminary injunction against the Board or its Adjudicators in any case, dispute or controversy arising from, necessary to, or in connection with the application, implementation, enforcement or interpretation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law and other pertinent laws on agrarian reform and regulations promulgated thereunder pursuant to Section 55, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 6657 as amended by R.A. No. 9700.

RULE XVI Relief from Decision/Resolution/Final Order

SECTION 1. Petition for Relief from Decision/Resolution/Final Order. — When a decision/resolution/final order is rendered by the Adjudicator against any party, through fraud, accident, mistake and excusable negligence and such party has no other