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MANILA

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 226-A**

**AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 226, SERIES OF 2008,  
ENTITLED: "SUSPENDING THE PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF ALL  
LAND CONVERSION APPLICATIONS OF ALL RICE LANDS"**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the state as declared under Republic Act No. 8435 to assure the availability, adequacy, accessibility of food supplies to every Filipino at all times;

**WHEREAS**, the State shall ensure that the poorer sectors of society have equitable access to resources, income opportunities, basic and support services especially in areas where productivity is low;

**WHEREAS**, the State shall promote food security, including sufficiency in our staple food, particularly rice supply;

**WHEREAS**, to meet the needs of the increasing number of Filipinos, there is a need for the production of rice to be optimized to meet our local needs and consumption;

**WHEREAS**, to ensure sufficient rice supply there is a need for all lands utilized and intended for rice production to be protected from any other land use or conversion;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the law, do hereby order the following:

**SECTION 1.** That the processing and approval of all land conversions applications affecting rice lands mentioned under Republic Act No. 8435 considered as Network of Protected Areas for Agricultural and Agro-industrial Development (NPAAD) which includes and covers all irrigated areas, all irrigable lands already covered by irrigation projects; shall be temporarily suspended for two (2) years.

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Agrarian Reform is hereby tasked for the implementation of this order.



**SECTION 3.** All orders, rules and regulations and issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Administrative Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 4.** This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately after publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2008

*Gloria M. Arroyo*

By the President:

*Eduardo R. Ermita*  
**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary



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