

DAR Opinion No. 26, S. 2008
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CONVERSION; CONSTRUCTION OF FEEDER ROAD CONSTITUTES CONVERSION

- Any change of the current use of an agricultural land to non agricultural use is tantamount to conversion, no matter how minimal the area that will be covered or affected by such change. The construction of a feeder road, which is a branch railway to a main line or minor road to a main one, is already an act of conversion because it would change the use of the land from agricultural to non agricultural even if the same would likewise facilitate the transport of agricultural products.
- Conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural use is strictly regulated and may be allowed only when the conditions prescribed under R.A. No. 6657 and/or R.A. No. 8435 are present and complied with (DAR A.O. No. 01, series of 2002, 2002 Comprehensive Rules on Land Use Conversion).

DAR Opinion No. 01, S. 2008
January 04, 2008

CONVERSION; MORATORIUM APPLIES TO RICELANDS; EXCEPTION

- It is clear from Administrative Order No. 226-A and Memorandum of Usec. Renato Herrera dated 23 April 2008 that the moratorium applies to all pending and new applications for land use conversion of all rice lands from the time Administrative Order No. 226 took effect. Notwithstanding the advent of Administrative Order No. 226-A amending the former Order, there are only two exceptions of the moratorium as per Memorandum dated 23 April 2008. These are, when the application is a Government-Initiated and/or Private Sector-led in consideration of mass housing program of the government, and to address the relocation/resettlement project for the urban poor.

DAR Opinion No. 32, S. 2008
November 28, 2008

CONVERSION; TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ALL CONVERSION APPLICATION FOR RICELAND

- Malacañang Administrative Order No. 226-A dated 14 July 2008 temporarily suspended all land use conversion applications affecting rice lands mentioned under Republic Act No. 8435 considered as Network of Protected Areas for Agriculture and Agro-Industrial Development (NPAAD) which includes and covers all irrigated area, all irrigable lands already covered by irrigation projects for two (2) years and, in effect, repealed moratorium dated 15 April 2008 issued by Secretary Nasser C. Pangandaman.

DAR Opinion No. 30, S. 2008
November 25, 2008