

61.4. *Issuance of cease and desist order by the Secretary or Regional Director, as the case may be, upon verified reports that premature, illegal or unauthorized conversion activities are being undertaken; or*

61.5. *Forfeiture of cash bond or performance bond.”*
(emphasis supplied)

- Given the above provisions, the time frame stated in the conditions of the Conversion Order must be complied with. Otherwise, corresponding sanctions could be imposed, as may be warranted.

DAR Opinion No. 24, s. 2003
December 09, 2003

CONVERSION; REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO COMPLETE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND

- While the attached Conversion Orders dated 07 December 1994 and 12 July 1999 issued by the DAR, mandate the observation/compliance on the conditions stipulated therein, otherwise, the same may be cancelled or recalled, the circumstances which led to the delay in the development of the land however, appear not to be attributable to their fault or negligence. Thus, in accordance with justice, fairness and equity, the herein request of the AFP MBAI for the extension of development of the 10.239 hectares which they had purchased from the V.A. Realty Inc. is imperative. Their request for extension on the said property is inherent and appurtenant to the exercise of one's right of ownership.

DAR Opinion No. 01, s. 2002
January 28, 2002

CONVERSION; ILLEGAL CONVERSION CASE SHALL PROSPER NOTWITHSTANDING THE ABSENCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

- A case for illegal conversion shall prosper notwithstanding the absence of a cease and desist order. It is not a prerequisite for filing an illegal conversion case. What is important is the existence of a *prima facie* case of illegal, premature, or unauthorized conversion and the issuance of a Cease and Desist Order is, at best, procedural and when warranted by the circumstances to prevent further damage to the agricultural state of the land involved.

DAR Opinion No. 21, s. 2001
October 1, 2001

CONVERSION; DISTINCTION BETWEEN LAND USE CONVERSION AND FARMLOT SUBDIVISION

- As defined in DAR Administrative Order No. 01, Series of 1999, "land use conversion" refers to the act or process of changing the current use of a piece of agricultural land into some other use as approved by DAR. On the other hand, a "farmlot subdivision" had been defined under the Human Settlements Regulatory Commission (now Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board) Rules and Regulations Implementing Farmlot Subdivision Plan as "a Planned community intended primarily for intensive agricultural activities, and secondarily for housing."

DAR Opinion No. 10, s. 2001
August 09, 2001