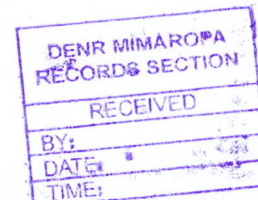




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MIMAROPA REGION
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office



April 12, 2023

MR. CAESAR A. PANGILINAN, MPA, REA

The Provincial Assessor
Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro
Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro

Dear **Mr. Pangilinan:**

Makakalikasang Araw po!

The DENR thru the CENR Offices is accepting and processing Public Land Applications (PLAs) to public agricultural lands based on Republic Act No. 11573¹ and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, DAO No. 2021-38². One of the mandatory requirements in processing such application is the updated Tax Declaration from the respective Municipal Assessor's Office. However, some of the applicants have not yet paid taxes but they are in continuous possession, cultivation and occupation of the public lands for more than 20 years.

Per information from the CENROs and the applicants as well, the Municipal Assessors are now not issuing Tax Declaration to untitled lands because they require the declarant to submit copy of title or patent.

In this regard, may we respectfully request for a copy of the legal basis or guidelines that the Assessors' are now implementing regarding this new policy in order for us to refer it to the Legal Division of our Office for possible review of our IRR in requiring such.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,


ALAN L. VALLE
OIC-DENR Officer

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CENRO Roxas, San Mariano, Roxas, Oriental Mindoro

¹ An Act Improving the Confirmation Process for Imperfect Land Titles, amending for the purpose Commonwealth Act No. 141, as amended, otherwise known as the "Public Land Act", and Presidential Decree No. 1529, as amended, otherwise known as the "Property Registration Decree"

² Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA No. 11573
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