

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 180, May 10, 1956]

PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ACQUISITION OF TITLES TO FARM LOTS WITHIN THE MOUNT DATA NATIONAL PARK RESERVATION AND CENTRAL CORDILLERA FOREST RESERVE, BOTH IN THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE, DIRECTING THE EVICTION OF THE ALIEN FARMERS WITHIN THESE TWO RESERVATIONS AND PROSECUTION OF FILIPINO DUMMIES TOGETHER WITH THEIR ALIEN EXPLOITERS FOR VIOLATION OF THE PUBLIC LAND, ANTI-DUMMY, AND INTERNAL REVENUE LAWS

In order to extend the policy of the Administration of providing land for the landless to the bona fide vegetable farmers presently occupying and cultivating areas within the Mount Data National Park and Central Cordillera Forest reservations in the Mountain Province, and at the same time to promote soil, water, and forest conservation in said areas, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby promulgate the following rules and regulations in pursuance thereof:

1. All Filipino vegetable farmers who have occupied and cultivated farm lots within the reservations above mentioned shall be permitted to acquire title thereto in accordance with the Public Land Act upon fulfillment of the following conditions:

(a) The claimant must completely improve and terrace the portion of land applied for by him within three years from the date of this Order, otherwise the said parcel of land, or whatever portion of it remains unimproved and unterraced at the end of this period, shall automatically revert to the public domain.

(b) If the top or crown of a hill or mountain is more or less flat and level, but its slopes are steep and rocky, the top shall be terraced, improved and cultivated to prevent soil erosion, while the steep hillsides shall be planted to trees and/or paspallum grass and other vegetation cover.

(c) If the slopes of hills or mountains are of gentle grade while the mountain or hill tops are steep and pointed, the sides should be terraced for cultivation while the peaks should be planted to trees and/or paspallum grass and other vegetation cover.

2. At any time within three years from the date of this Order, the claimant may file the corresponding application for the grant of title to him over the lot covered by his claim upon a form and in the manner to be determined by the Director of Lands in accordance with the provisions of the Public Land Act. The exclusion of the areas applied for from the said reservations shall be effected before giving due course to said applications.