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RULES AND REGULATIONS AMENDING THE VALUATION OF LANDS VOLUNTARILY OFFERED AND COMPULSORILY ACQUIRED AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 17. SERIES OF 1989, AS AMENDED, ISSUED PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657

I Prefatory Statement

A. The Constitution mandates the *payment of just compensation* for lands covered by agrarian reform:

The State shall, by law, undertake an agrarian reform program founded on the right of the farmers and regular farmworkers, who are landless, to own directly or collectively the lands they till or, in the case of other farmworkers, to receive a just share of the fruits thereof. To this end, the State shall encourage and undertake the just distribution of all agricultural lands, subject to such priorities and reasonable retention limits as the Congress may prescribe, taking into account ecological, development, or equity considerations and subject to the *payment of just compensation* . . .(Article XIII, Section 4, underscoring supplied)

- B. This principle is cited in Proclamation No. 131, Instituting a Comprehensive Agrarian Reform program (22 July 1987), and in Republic Act No. 6657 (10 June 1988). Section 2 of the latter law specifically states, "... a more equitable distribution and ownership of land, with due regard to the *rights of landowners to just compensation*... shall be undertaken . . ." (underscoring supplied)
- C. Just compensation in Supreme Court jurisprudence has been taken to mean fair market value or the price which a buyer will pay without coercion and a seller will accept without compulsion.
- D. Just compensation in regard to land cannot be an absolute amount disregarding particularities of productivity, distance to the marketplace and so on. Hence, land valuation is not an exact science but an exercise fraught with inexact estimates requiring integrity, conscientiousness and prudence on the part of those responsible for it. What is important ultimately is that the land value approximates, as closely as possible, what is broadly considered to be just.
- E. Section 17 of RA 6657 provides particular guidance on land valuation:

Section 17. Determination of Just Compensation — In determining just compensation, the cost of acquisition of the land, the current value of like properties, its nature, actual use and income, the sworn valuation by the

owner, the tax declarations, and assessments made by the government assessors shall be considered. The social and economic benefits contributed by the farmers and the farmworkers and by the Government to the property as well as the non-payment of taxes or loans secured from any government financing institution on the said land shall be considered as additional factors to determine its valuation.

- F. The process of land valuation must involve agrarian reform beneficiaries and their organizations, the Barangay Agrarian Reform Committees, the landowner concerned, the Department of Agrarian Reform and the Land Bank of the Philippines.
 - i. Section 3 of Executive Order No. 129-A declares that ". . . the State shall: . . . Institutionalize partnership between government and organizations of farmers and farmworkers in agrarian reform policy formulation, program implementation, and evaluation . . .".
 - ii. Section 47 of Republic Act No. 6657 specifies that the Barangay Agrarian Reform Committee shall, among other things, "Assist in initial determination of the value of the land."
 - iii. Section 18 of Republic Act No. 6657 states: "The LBP shall compensate the landowners in such amount as may be agreed upon by the landowner and the DAR and the LBP. . ."

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The following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated to amend certain provisions of Administrative Order No. 17, series of 1989, as amended by Administrative Order No. 3, Series of 1991 which govern the valuation of lands subject of acquisition whether under voluntary offer to sell (VOS) or compulsory acquisition (CA).

A. There shall be one basic formula for the valuation of lands covered by VOS or CA regardless of the date of offer or coverage of the claim:

$$LV = (CNI \times 0.6) + (CS \times 0.3) + (MV \times 0.1)$$

Where: LV = Land Value

CNI = Capitalized Net Income

CS = Comparable Sales

MV = Market Value per Tax Declaration

The above formula shall be used if all the three factors are present, relevant, and applicable.

A.1 When the CS factor is not present and CNI and MV are applicable, the formula shall be:

$$LV = (CNI \times 0.9) + (MV \times 0.1)$$

A.2 When the CNI factor is not present, and CS and MV are applicable, the formula

shall be:

$$LV = (CS \times 0.9) + (MV \times 0.1)$$

A.3 When both the CS and CNI are not present and only MV is applicable, the formula shall be:

$$LV = MV \times 2$$

A. 4 In all the above, the computed value using the applicable formula or the Declared Value by Landowner (DV), whichever is lower, shall be adopted as the Land Value.

DV shall refer to the amount indicated in the Landowner's offer or the Listasaka declaration, whichever is lower, in case of VOS. In case of CA, this shall refer to the amount indicated in the Listasaka. Both LO's offer and Listasaka shall be grossed-up using the immediately preceding semestral Regional Consumer Price Index (RCPI), from the date of the offer or the date of Listasaka up to the date of receipt of claimfolders by LBP from DAR for processing.

B. Capitalized Net Income (CNI) — This shall refer to the difference between the gross sales (AGP \times SP) and total cost of operations (CO) capitalized at 12%.

Expressed in equation form:

$$CNI = \frac{(AGP \times SP) - CO}{12}$$

Where: CNI = Capitalized Net Income

AGP = One year's Average Gross Production immediately preceding the date of offer in case of VOS or date of notice of coverage in case of CA.

SP = Selling Price shall refer to average prices for the immediately preceding calendar year from the date of receipt of the claimfolder by the LBP for processing secured from the Department of Agriculture (DA) and other appropriate regulatory bodies or in their absence, from Bureau of Agricultural Statistics. If possible, SP data shall be gathered from the barangay or municipality where the property is located. In the absence thereof, SP may be secured within the province or region.

Whenever the cost of operations could not be obtained or verified, an assumed net income rate (NIR) of 20% shall be used. Landholdings planted to coconut which are productive at the time of offer/coverage shall continue to use the 70% NIR. DAR and LBP shall continue to conduct joint industry studies to establish the applicable NIR for each crop covered under CARP.

B.1 Industry data on production, cost of operations and selling price shall be obtained from government/private entities. Such entities shall include, but not

limited to the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Sugar Regulatory Authority (SRA), the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) and other private persons/entities knowledgeable in the concerned industry.

B.2 The landowner shall submit a statement of net income derived from the land subject of acquisition. This shall include among others, total production and cost of operations on a per crop basis, selling price/s (farm gate) and such other data as may be required. These data shall be validated/verified by the Department of Agrarian Reform and Land Bank of the Philippines field personnel. The actual tenants/farmworkers of the subject property will be the primary source of information for purposes of verification or if not available, the tenants/farmworkers of adjoining property.

In case of failure by the landowner to submit the statement within three weeks from the date of receipt of letter-request from the Municipal Agrarian Reform Office (MARO) or the data stated therein cannot be verified/validated from the farmers, LBP may adopt any available industry data or in the absence thereof may conduct an industry study on the specific crop which will be used in determining the production, cost and net income of the subject landholding.

- B.3 For landholdings planted to permanent crops which are introduced by the farmer-beneficiaries, CNI shall be equal to 25% of the annual net income capitalized at 12%.
- B.4 For landholdings planted to permanent crops which are still unproductive or not yet fruit-bearing at the time of ocular inspection (OCI), the cumulative cost from land preparation up to the time of OCI shall be used as substitute for CNI. In case the production cost data provided by the landowner could not be verified, DAR and LBP shall secure the said data from concerned agency/ies or in the absence thereof, shall establish the same.
- B.5 Total income shall be computed from the combination of crops actually produced on the covered land whether seasonal or permanent.
- a. Landholdings planted to permanent crop with another permanent crop/s:
 - a.1 In case all the permanent crops are productive or fruit-bearing at the time of the ocular inspection, CNI per Hectare is derived by dividing TNI/Hectare by the capitalization rate.

Expressed in equation form:

Total Area

NI1, NI2 and NIn represent the annual net income of each crop.

Total area is the hectarage of the land where all the crops are commonly planted.

- a.2 In case of one or more of the permanent crops are productive or fruit-bearing and the other permanent crops are not yet fruit-bearing, CNI shall be the sum of the CNI per Hectare of the productive crop as defined in Item B.5-a.1 and the cumulative cost per hectare of the non-fruit bearing permanent trees as defined in Item B.4.
- a.3 In case all permanent crops are not yet productive or not yet fruitbearing, CNI shall be the sum of the cumulative cost per hectare of each crop as defined in Item B.4.
- b. Landholdings planted to permanent crop/s with seasonal crop/s. with seasonal crop/s
 - b.1 The CNI of the seasonal crop/s may only be considered if said intercropping has been continuously practiced for three (3) consecutive crop cycles immediately preceding the date of offer or coverage. One crop cycle is defined as the period from the time the crop is planted until it bears fruit or is harvested.
 - b.2 In case the permanent crop/s and the seasonal crop/s are productive at the time of ocular inspection, CNI shall be computed using the formula as defined in Item B.5-a.1.
 - b.3 In case one or more permanent crop/s are productive or fruit-bearing and the seasonal crops are still on its early productive stage at the time of ocular inspection but the intercropping has been continuously practiced for three (3) consecutive crop cycles, CNI shall be the sum of the CNI per Hectare of the permanent and seasonal crop/s as defined in Item B.5-a.1. For purposes of computing the CNI/hectare of the seasonal crop/s, the AGP of the previously completed crop cycles shall be used.
 - b.4 In case the permanent crop/s are not yet productive or not yet fruit-bearing and the seasonal crop/s are also not productive, the CNI shall be the sum of the cumulative cost per hectare of the permanent crop/s as defined in Item B.4 and the CNI per hectare of the seasonal crop/s as defined in Item B.5-a.1 and Item B.5-b.3.
- c. In case of landholdings planted to seasonal crop/s with another seasonal crop/s, the CNI per hectare is derived using the formula in Item B.5-a.1 in accordance with the conditions set forth in Item B.5-b.3.
- B.6 For seasonal crops, at least one normal crop cycle shall be used to get AGP for crops whose cycles are less than one (1) year, two (2) normal crop cycles will be required.