

**[ DAR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 04, s. 1997,  
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**GUIDELINES ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF FARMER-  
BENEFICIARIES' LEASE RENTAL/AMORTIZATION PAYMENTS  
DEPOSITED WITH THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES (LBP)**

**I. PREFATORY STATEMENT**

Memorandum Circular No. 6, Series of 1978 provides that the tenant-farmers shall deposit the amount equivalent to the lease rental or amortization payment with the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), or its authorized agent, in the name of the landowner when the value of the land has already been established and to be withdrawn only upon proper authorization of the Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer (PARO), after proper investigation thereof.

There are requests from landowners and farmer beneficiaries for the withdrawal of lease rentals deposited with the Land Bank of the Philippines per M.C. No. 6 Series of 1978 or amortization payments for the following reasons: (1) lands are found to be exempt from coverage under P.D. No. 27; (2) lands are covered by areas retained by landowners; (3) excess payments have been made by the farmer-beneficiary; (4) a shift is made to a direct payment scheme under Administrative Order (A.O.) No. 13, Series of 1991, as amended by A.O. No. 2, Series of 1995; and (5) adjustment of area due to erosion based on final survey.

These guidelines are hereby prescribed for the guidance of all concerned in order to address the withdrawals of payments/rentals.

**II. COVERAGE**

This Administrative Order shall cover the withdrawal of lease rentals or amortization payments made by the farmer-beneficiary with LBP pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 27, as implemented by Memorandum Circular No. 6, Series of 1978.

**III. POLICY STATEMENT**

A. The lease rentals or amortization payments made by a farmer-beneficiary with the LBP in accordance with the provisions of P.D. No. 27, as amended by E.O. No. 228 may be withdrawn upon the request of the landowner or farmer-beneficiary, as the case may be, based on the following reasons:

1. lands are found to be exempt from the coverage;
2. lands are covered by areas retained by the landowners;