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 CERTIFICATION ON LAND USE RECLASSIFICATION (LUR FORM NO. 4) APPLICATIONS

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This Circular is issued to prescribe rules, requirements and procedures in the issuance of Certificate of Irrigation Coverage (CIC) related to Land Conversion (LUC) pursuant to Administrative Order Series of 1992 by the Office of the President (Interim/Guidelines on Agricultural Land Use Conversion); Administrative Order No. 12 Series of 1994 by Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) - Consolidated and Revised Rules and Procedures Governing Conversion of Agricultural Lands to Non-Agricultural Uses.

In accordance with the NIA Board Resolution No. 8158-15 and Memorandum Circular Nos. 41 Series of 2011 and 23 Series of 2015, to facilitate the appropriate issuance of NIA Certification, the following conditions must apply:

- 1. For Non-Negotiable Lands for conversion (Certificate of Irrigation Coverage shall be issued):
  - All irrigated lands where water is available to support rice and other crop production;
  - All irrigated lands where water is not available for rice and other crop production but within the areas programmed for irrigation facility rehabilitation by the Department of Agriculture and the National Irrigation Administration;
  - All irrigable lands already covered by irrigation project with firm funding commitment at the time of application for LUC or reclassification.
- 2. For Negotiable Lands for conversion (Certificate of Non-Irrigation Coverage shall be issued):
  - Less productive irrigated lands due to flooding, has high water requirement; water logged areas where construction of drainage facility would be difficult or unreasonably costly; and less suitable to alternative crop;
  - Areas reclassified as non-agricultural lands in the Comprehensive land use Plan (CLUP) approved by the Local Government Unit or Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board.

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