



# Legal Watch

## DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2026-21



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### SUMMARY

“Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9322 entitled, “An Act Reclassifying a Portion of Land Comprising Five Hundred Twelve and Eighty (512.80) Hectares of Public Land under Timberland Project Number 13-G, Block A, as per Land Classification Map Number 3400 in Barangay Ransang, Municipality of Rizal Province of Palawan as Agricultural Land Open for Disposition”

DENR Administrative Order No. 2026-21 (the “Order”) promulgates the implementing rules and regulations of Republic Act No. 9322, which reclassifies a portion of public land comprising approximately 512.80 hectares in Barangay Ransang, Municipality of Rizal, Province of Palawan, as agricultural land open for disposition.

The Order sets out the State’s policy to promote equitable access to land, provide security of tenure, and implement administrative titling processes consistent with transparency, environmental integrity, and social equity. It operationalizes the survey and disposition of the reclassified land through the conduct of a Public Land Subdivision survey by the DENR–MIMAROPA in coordination with the concerned local government unit with survey results to be integrated into the Land Administration and Management System .

All public land applications must be filed with the relevant Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), and disposition shall be governed by Commonwealth Act No. 141, otherwise known as the Public Land Act, as amended, and other related laws. The Order further provides that existing rights and tenurial instruments shall be respected, subject to renewal and approval by the DENR where warranted.

#### \* Agency Name

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

#### \* Issuance Title

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### ACTIONABLE ADVICE

Clients should verify whether their property falls within the Order's coverage and ensure that public land applications are filed with the relevant CENRO, in coordination with the DENR and in accordance with the Public Land Act.

Further, clients with existing tenurial instruments should review their validity and renewal requirements, and consider applicable valuation rules and future issuances affecting land disposition.

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