

REMOVAL OF GENDER BIAS IN THE ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF HOMESTEAD PATENT APPLICATIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC LAND APPLICATIONS

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In the interest of the service and in accordance with Article II, Section 14 of the Constitution and Republic Act No. 7192 otherwise known as the "Women in Development and Nation Building Act" as implemented by DAO No. 98-15 of May 15, 1998 on "Revised Guidelines on the Implementation of Gender and Development (GAD) Activities in the DENR", it is hereby reiterated as an objective of the Department to ensure the removal of gender bias in all its rules, regulations and procedures.

In accordance with the foregoing, Paragraph 8 of Lands Administrative Order No. 7-1, as amended, entitled "Rules and Regulations Governing the Filing and Disposition of Applications for Alienable Lands of the Public Domain or for Real Properties of the Commonwealth of the Philippines" dated April 30, 1936, is hereby repealed. Henceforth, women, regardless of civil status, shall enjoy equal rights as men in the filing, acceptance, processing and approval of public land applications.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 24 June 2002

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