

Republic of the Philippines Supreme Court Office of the Court Administrator Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 11-2007

TO: ALL JUDGES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF TITLES TO LANDS COVERING TIMBERLAND OR FOREST LAND

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has called the attention of this Office regarding the practice of some courts issuing decrees for the titling of lands covering Timberland or Forestland without the required Certification from the DENR.

In this connection, you are hereby directed that before acting on applications for the titling of lands, it is a condition that you must require the applicant to submit the required *CERTIFICATION* issued by the **Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO)** having jurisdiction over the land subject of the application for titling/registration. This supporting document confirms the legal classification of the subject land per verification of available records on land classification and cadastral maps.

For strict compliance.

January 31, 2007.

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