

Ministry proposes computerized management of land information

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment is designing two draft decrees guiding the 2013 Land Law, proposing the application of information technology in carrying out administrative procedures and managing land information.

Under a draft decree on formulation, management and exploitation of land information, the Ministry proposes designing a connected, synchronous and data-sharing land information system at the central level. Accordingly, land databases would be connected online with the information systems or databases of related ministries, sectors and localities, between central and provincial levels and between provincial and district levels. This would help commune-level natural resources and environment agencies and cadastral officers access the national land database to serve their operation.



Land databases include a database on legal documents on land, a cadastral database, a database on basic surveys on land, a database on land use master plans and plans, a database on land prices, a database on land inventory and statistics, a database on examination, inspection, and settlement of land-related disputes, complaints and denunciations, and other land-related databases. Agencies in charge of land database management would have to integrate information and data provided by agencies, organizations and individuals into land databases.

Meanwhile, a draft decree on land-related e-transactions allows agencies, organizations and individuals to conduct either conventional or electronic transactions with state agencies, unless otherwise prescribed by competent state agencies.

Land-related e-transactions include carrying out land-related administrative procedures, exchanging documents within state management agencies in charge of land or between these agencies and other related agencies, sharing and providing information and data while conducting land-related e-transactions, and other e-transactions as decided by the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment.

The draft requires land-related e-transactions to be conducted on the principle of guaranteeing the lawful rights and interests of agencies, organizations, individuals, the State's interests and public interests.

Under the two drafts, both land databases and land-related e-transactions must timely serve state management work and socio-economic development requirements while ensuring national defense and security. These databases and e-transactions must be accurate, truthful and objective and used for proper purposes and conducted in accordance with relevant laws.

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