

Ministry of Housing

Ministerial Decision

No.15/2013

**Regulations of Granting Agricultural Lands in the Border Areas
of Al-Buraimi Governorate**

Pursuant to the Law of Lands issued by the Royal Decree No.5/80,

And the Government Lands Entitlement System issued by Royal Decree No.81/84;

And the system of Land Registry issued by Royal Decree No.2/98;

And in Pursuance of the Public Interest;

The following has been decreed;

Article 1:

Agricultural lands available in Al Buraimi Governorate shall be granted on lease basis to citizens and companies with capitals wholly owned by Omanis for the purpose of agricultural investments, and leased lands may not be titled.

Article 2:

Priority shall be given to Omani citizens from the Governorate who work in the field of agriculture and Omani agricultural engineers.

Article 3:

It is not permitted to establish permanent buildings on the land unless there a necessity to use them and an approval is obtained from the competent government authorities.

Article 4:

The lease shall be renewed annually in case the land is used for agriculture, and the leaseholder shall use at least 50% of the rented land area during three years from the effective date of the lease, if not it will be withdrawn.

Article 5:

The right for lease goes to the heirs on condition that the land is invested in agriculture and farming occupation.

Article 6:

The lease may not be renewed for non-Omanis unless the land is actually used for the allocated purpose with existing plantation and permanent buildings, or else the land may not be subleased to non-Omanis in areas where they are prohibited to own lands.

Article 7:

The tenant shall commit to water allocations, irrigation systems and crop composition specified by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Article 8:

All that contradicts with this Decision or contravenes with its provisions shall be cancelled.

Article 9:

This Decision shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall take effect from the day following its date of publication.

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