

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
M a n i l a

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1
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SUBJECT: Regulations Governing the Movement of Soybean Plants and Seeds from Mati to other places in the Philippines and placing the Municipality of Mati, Davao, under Quarantine.

WHEREAS, the soybean stem miner (Melanagromyza sojae) Zehntner, a pest of soybean, was recently reported to have appeared in the Philippines and at present causing serious destruction to soybean plants in the municipality of Mati, Davao province;

WHEREAS, there is a great demand for soybean for the manufacture of soya sauce, soyalac, and tokua;

WHEREAS, there is a possibility of manufacturing plastic from soybean; and

WHEREAS, soybean is a new industry in the Philippines which needs protection from serious pests and diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority conferred by Section 1, 2 and 11 of Act No. 3027, entitled "An Act to Protect the Agricultural Industries of the Philippine Islands from Plant Pests and Diseases Existing in Foreign Countries, etc." which authority is now vested in the Director of Plant Industry and the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, by virtue of Act No. 3639, this Administrative Order is promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

SEC. 1. For the purpose of this Administrative Order, the municipality of Mati, Province of Davao, where the soybean stem miner and other pests and diseases of soybean are known to be present, shall be considered as formally declared under quarantine.

SEC. 2. The movement of soybean plants, fresh or dried and all parts of said plant capable of harboring and spreading the soybean stem miner (especially its mature maggots or larvae and pupae) as well as other pests and diseases of soybeans, except dried soybean seeds solely for manufacturing purposes, is prohibited;

SEC. 3. In order to minimize and/or control the soybean stem miner and other pests and diseases of soybeans in the plantation of Menzi & Co., in the municipality of Mati, Davao; the owner of the plantation shall comply with the following:

- a. To observe and practise timely planting so as to escape the abundance of the adult flies of the soybean stem miner.
- b. To conduct experiment spraying program to find out the most effective and economical insecticides and fungicides that will control both soybean stem miner and other pests and diseases, in accordance with the outline of spraying experiments suggested by the Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized representative.

- c. To stop the movement of soybean plants, fresh or dry, from the Municipality of Mati, Davao.
- d. To see to it that dried soybean seeds shipped out from Mati are used purely for manufacturing purposes and not for planting.

SEC. 4. The Bureau of Plant Industry shall be furnished with a list of the names of buyers of soybeans and their addresses indicating the purpose for which soybean was bought. Dried soybean seeds shall only be sold to manufacturers of soya sauce, soyalac and tokua.

SEC. 5. Any person, firm, association or corporation who violates or contravenes any of the provisions of this Administrative Order shall be liable to prosecution and upon conviction shall suffer the penalty provided in Section 13 of Act No. 3027, which is a fine of not exceeding one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 6. Any regulation or rule or any part thereof issued contrary to this Order is hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. The provisions of this Administrative Order shall take effect upon approval by the Honorable, the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources.