



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Agriculture  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
Manila

BPI Quarantine Administrative Order  
No. 15  
Series of 1988

SUBJECT: Modifying BPI Administrative Order  
No. 6, Series of 1949 (Revised)  
entitled "Declaring the Coconut  
"Cadang-Cadang" a Dangerous Disease:  
Providing for its Control, and  
Placing under Quarantine all the  
Provinces where the Disease Already  
Exists, and Issued by the Director  
of Plant Industry pursuant to Act  
3027.

WHEREAS, BPI Administrative Order No. 6, series of 1949 (Revised) was promulgated and issued by the Director of Plant Industry pursuant to the provisions of Act 3027, entitled "An Act to Protect the Agricultural Industries of the Philippine Islands from injurious plant pests and diseases existing in foreign countries and further to regulate the domestic movement of plant materials in order to minimize the injury from pests and diseases already introduced." enacted by the Philippine Legislature on March 8, 1922;

WHEREAS, on June 10, 1978, the President of the Republic of the Philippines, issued Presidential Decree No. 1433, otherwise known as the "Plant Quarantine Decree of 1978," repealing Act 3027 together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

WHEREAS, after a thorough study and evaluation, it was ascertained that a number of Administrative Orders issued pursuant to Act 3027 are still relevant in the implementation of the provisions of P.D. 1433.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in Director of Plant Industry by P.D. 1433, otherwise known as the Plant Quarantine Decree of 1978, the above-mentioned BPI Administrative Order No. 6, Series of 1949 (Revised) is hereby modified and adopted accordingly as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of this Administrative Order, all municipalities in the provinces of Albay, Catanduanes, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, and Sorsogon; the municipalities of Allen, Lavezares, Sobon, Catarman,

Mondragon, Laoang, Palapag, Catubig, Capul and Guiuan in the Province of Samar; the municipalities of Cataingan and Dimasalang in Masbate; and the municipalities of Guinayangan, Buenavista, San Narciso, and Mulanay in Quezon, the Island of Maripipi in Leyte and other provinces where coconut "Cadang-Cadang" is known to exist, is hereby formally declared affected with this disease.

SECTION 2. Wherever the coconut "Cadang-Cadang" is known to exist in any locality in the Philippines aside from the municipalities and provinces referred to in this Order, the Director of Plant Industry shall send a written notice to the Governor of the province concerned, either directly or through his authorized representatives, containing among other things the names of the owners or persons in charge of the affected coconut plantations.

SECTION 3. Upon notification in accordance with the preceding section, the Provincial Governor shall immediately inform in writing each Municipal Mayor concerned of the contents of the said notification. The Municipal Mayor shall issue a general written notification to the inhabitants of the municipality and at the same time declare the municipality affected with the disease. Copies of the general notification shall be posted in at least six conspicuous places in the municipality and a certified copy of the same shall be sent to the Director of Plant Industry. Notice to this effect shall also be made in local dialects by means of public criers or "bandillos".

SECTION 4. Once a municipality or portion thereof has been declared affected with the coconut "Cadang-Cadang" disease, it shall be the duty of the persons who owns or has under his charge the coconut trees with the affected areas to do the following:

(a) He shall dispose of the diseased trees that may only serve as source of infection in the manner and way as prescribed by the Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized representatives, and apply any other measure as advised by the authorities of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

(b) He shall cooperate with the help of the Plant Quarantine Officers and other officials of the Department of Agriculture in preventing the spread of the disease and comply with all the instructions, orders or requirements relative to the destruction of this disease.

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SECTION 5. In order to carry out the provisions of this Administrative Order, the Secretary of Agriculture (DA) and the Director of Plant Industry or their duly authorized representatives, the Provincial Governor or his duly authorized representatives, and other officials connected with or taking part in the campaign of preventing the spread of this disease, shall at all times have access to or upon any premises, land, lot, backyard or plantations of coconut trees where the coconut "Cadang-Cadang" disease is known or suspected to exist.

SECTION 6. All DA officials shall cooperate with the Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized representatives in the enforcement of the provisions of this Administrative Order and shall stop the movement of all parts of the coconut trees including fresh nuts.

SECTION 7. All transportation companies, either land, water or air, and the Philippine National Railways Station Masters shall cooperate with the Director of Plant Industry and/or his authorized representatives, in the strict enforcement of the provisions of this Administrative Order, by not allowing or accepting shipments of any part of the coconut plant, capable of possibly spreading the coconut cadang-cadang disease to places where it is not yet known to exist EXCEPT DRIED NUTS WITH OR WITHOUT HUSKS, DRIED COCONUT HUSK, COIR OR FIBER; DRIED COCONUT DUST OR POWDER OR COCONUT HUSKS, DRIED LEAVES AND MIDRIBS; ANY PROCESSED AND SEMI-PROCESSED AND/OR MANUFACTURED AND SEMI-MANUFACTURED PARTS OF THE COCONUT PLANT WHICH ARE FULLY DRIED; PICKLED, SWEETENED, COOKED OR WELL-DRIED UBOD (CABBAGE) AND/OR FRESH UBOD (CABBAGE) WHEN TRANSPORTED UNDER BRINE SOLUTION OF 5% SALINITY; FULLY DRIED AND SEASONED TRUNKS; DRIED SPATHE, SPADLY, OR OTHER PARTS OF INFLORESCENCES, COPRA CAKES, COPRA MEALS, COCONUT OIL, DRIED COCONUT SHELLS AND SHILL CHARCOAL; DRIED STIPULATES OR GUNIT; COCONUT WATER OR ANY OTHER COCONUT PART THOROUGHLY DRIED OR RENDER IT INCAPABLE OF SERVING AS SOURCE OF THE INFECTIVE PRINCIPLE OF CADANG-CADANG AND WHICH COULD BE USED AS RAW MATERIALS IN THE HANDICRAFT OR OTHER INDUSTRIES."

SECTION 8. Nothing in this Order shall be construed or interpreted as prohibiting the Secretary of Agriculture, the Director of Plant Industry or their duly authorized representatives, from permitting or cutting down, taking away or removing in exceptional cases, in such manner or by such method or under such conditions as may be prescribed by them, such affected coconut trees thereof, in any or all the provinces mentioned above, or in those which may be declared affected thereafter, for the purpose of carrying out the objective of this Order.

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SECTION 9. Whenever a municipality, city, island or province has been officially declared affected with the coconut Cadang-Cadang disease in accordance with Sections 1, 2 and 3, Rule VI of BPI Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1981 and pursuant to Sections 8 and 16 of P.D. 1433, to assist and cooperate with the Director of Plant Industry in the strict enforcement of all Administrative Orders or instructions of the Director of Plant Industry relative to this disease.

SECTION 10. The movement, transfer or carrying out of unhusked green nuts, or of any other parts thereof, including the coconut bud (ubod) of the coconut plant capable of spreading the disease or the insects that are liable to carry the disease, for propagation or consumption purposes or for any other purpose, from affected provinces or municipalities to non-affected areas, is strictly prohibited, except those being made by the Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized representatives for study or scientific purposes.

SECTION 11. Any person, company or corporation who violates the provisions of this Administrative Order, or forges, counterfeits, alters, defaces and destroys any document issued by virtue of this Administrative Order shall be fined not more than Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) or by imprisonment from prison correccional to prison mayor, or both at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 12. This Order revokes BPI Administrative Order No. 6, Series of 1949 (Revised) and all Orders inconsistent herewith, and takes effect immediately.

  
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