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BPI SPECIAL QUARANTINE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 16
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SUBJECT: Regulations governing Inter-Provincial/Regional movements of all plants species belonging to Papaya (Carica papaya) in order to prevent the spread of papaya ring spot virus disease (PRSV) to non-infected areas; providing measures for the destruction of all infected papaya plants and plant pest thereof.

WHEREAS, an export oriented production of papaya is now being developed in the Island of Mindanao;

WHEREAS, the newly developed Papaya Industry in Mindanao requires appropriate protection from the destruction by injurious plant pests;

WHEREAS, it has been found and determined by the Director of Plant Industry that in the Province of Cavite and later in the Provinces of Batangas, Laguna, Rizal, Metro Manila, Bulacan, Pampanga, Benguet, La Union, Nueva Ecija and Pangasinan, the existence of a dangerous disease of Papaya known as Papaya Ring Spot Virus disease (PRSV) which virtually destroyed the papaya trees in said Provinces;

WHEREAS, if the spread of the disease is not properly controlled on time it will eventually destroy our growing papaya industry; and

WHEREAS, it becomes imperative that appropriate measures/mechanisms be instituted to prevent and eradicate the said papaya ring spot virus disease.

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NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested to the Director of Plant Industry by Section 17 of P.D. No. 1433, otherwise known as the Plant Quarantine Decree of 1978, the following regulations are hereby promulgated for the information and compliance of all concerned.

SECTION 1. The Papaya Ring Spot Virus disease is hereby declared as injurious and dangerous disease of Carica papaya.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of this Administrative Order, the Provinces of Cavite, Batangas, Laguna, Rizal, Pampanga, Bulacan and such other areas where the disease is found to exist are hereby declared infected with papaya ring spot virus disease and placed under quarantine in accordance with Section 8 of P.D. No. 1433 as implemented by Section 1, Rule VI of DPL Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1981.

SEC. 3. The movement, transfer or carrying of papaya plant materials (fruits, seeds and seedlings) or any of the plant and parts thereof from the above-mentioned infected areas to the non-infected areas like Mindanao and Visayas is strictly prohibited.

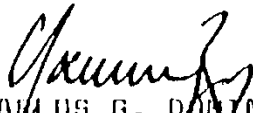

SEC. 4. In order to carry out effective quarantine and control measures against the spread of papaya ring spot virus disease, the Director of Plant Industry in accordance with Section 16 of P.D. No. 1433, may request the National, Provincial, Municipal, Barangay officials and members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in Luzon to assist in the implementation/enforcement of such instituted plant quarantine measures and such other measures adopted by the Regional Offices of the Department of Agriculture, in order to contain and prevent the spread of the disease.

SEC. 5. All companies engaged in land, water, or air transportation are prohibited from accepting or allowing for shipment papaya fruits, seeds, seedlings or parts thereof from the Island of Luzon to the Visayas and Mindanao Islands.

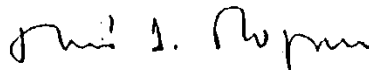
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SEC. 6. Any person, firma, association or corporation who violates or contravenes any of the provisions of this Administrative Order or forges, counterfeits, alters, defaces and destroys any documents issued by virtue of this Administrative Order shall be fined not more than Twenty Thousand (P20,000.00) or by imprisonment from prison correccional to prison mayor, or both at the discretion of the Court, in accordance with Sec. 23 of P.D. No. 1433.

SEC. 7. This Order revokes or supercedes all orders inconsistent herewith and shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication as required by law.


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