

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 52
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SUBJECT: An Order Containing Regulations Governing the Removal and Disposal of Dead, Dying or Decaying Trunks of Coconuts, Buri and Other Palms, Trunks of Soft Woods and Heaps of Sawdust; Manure, Bagasse, Straw and Other Organic Matter or Rubbish, and Declaring the Black Beetle (Oryctes Rhinoceros) to be a Dangerous Plant Pest.

WHEREAS, dead, dying or decaying trunks of coconuts, buri and other palms, trunks or soft woods and heaps of sawdust, manure, bagasse, straw and other organic matter or rubbish are ideal breeding places for the black beetle (*Oryctes rhinoceros*), an insect locally known as "uang";

WHEREAS, effective measures should be adopted to check the increase, prevent the spread, and so effect the control of this dangerous insect;

NOW, THEREFORE, under authority conferred upon me by section 10 of Act No. 3027, entitled "An Act to Protect the Agricultural Industries of the Philippine Islands from injurious Plant Pests and Diseases, etc.," the Black Beetle (*Oryctes rhinoceros*), an insect locally known as "uang", is hereby declared to be a dangerous plant pest, and the following regulations are promulgated to govern the removal and disposal of dead, dying or decaying trunks of coconuts, buri and other palms, trunks of soft woods, heaps of sawdust, manure, bagasse, straw and other organic matter or rubbish that serve as a breeding place therefor;

SECTION 1. If upon investigation by the Director of Agriculture, or his authorized agent, or the president of the municipality concerned, dead, dying or decaying trunks of coconuts, buri and other palms, trunks of soft woods, heaps of sawdust, manure, bagasse, straw and other organic matter or rubbish or any of these organic substances are found to exist in the coconut grove, plantation, or premises of any person, firm or corporation and said organic substances are actually found to harbor or to be the breeding places of the black beetle (*Oryctes rhinoceros*) or if such organic substances, in the opinion of the Director of Agriculture or his authorized agent or the president of the municipality concerned, would serve as the breeding places of the black beetle (*Oryctes rhinoceros*) and thus endanger the neighboring coconut grove or plantation belonging to another, it shall be the duty of the owner lessee or person in charge of such coconut grove, plantation or premises after having been notified in writing by the Director of Agriculture or his authorized agent to remove and dispose of such organic substances in accordance with the respective methods prescribed in section 2 of this order. A copy of said written notice shall be sent to the president of the municipality concerned who shall, if so requested, cooperate with the Director of Agriculture in the enforcement of the provisions of this Order.

