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Department of Agriculture
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
Manila

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BPI SPECIAL QUARANTINE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 18
Series of 1987

SUBJECT: Declaring the Mollusk Ampularia gigas
Locally Known as the Golden Kuhol as
a Serious Plant Pest and Providing
Measures to Regulate and Control its
Spread.

WHEREAS, it has been reported and verified that the Mollusk Ampularia gigas locally known as the Golden Kuhol is causing great damage to aquatic plants particularly lowland rice in its early stages of growth as well as azolla, kangkong, grasses and others with succulent leaves;

WHEREAS, the propagation of Golden Kuhol had been encouraged for food and other purposes;

WHEREAS, its prevalence in certain localities had caused destruction in the early vegetative stages of the rice plants, resulting to added cost of production and reduction of yield;

WHEREAS, if the spread of this plant pest is not regulated and controlled, it may discourage farmers to produce rice and other vegetables;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to regulate and control the propagation of this plant pest and therefore adequate measures must be adopted and provided for.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of Plant Industry, by P.D. 1433, otherwise known as the "Plant Quarantine Decree of 1978", it is hereby declared that the Mollusk Ampularia gigas, locally known as the Golden Kuhol, is an injurious plant pest, and for purposes of regulation and control, the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

SECTION 1. The breeding and/or propagation of Golden Kuhol Ampularia gigas is hereby regulated in the following manner:

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- a. The place or the area where the breeding and/or propagation is being undertaken shall be provided with necessary and appropriate safeguards or structures to prevent escape of the plant pest;
- b. The structure shall be constructed in such manner and form that will prevent the overflowing of water during heavy rains or over-supply of water;
- c. In case of unforeseen or accidental escape of the plant pest from the propagation place or area, the breeder and/or propagator thereof shall immediately notify the nearest Department of Agriculture official/employee and is obliged to assist in the eradication of said plant pest; and,
- d. Such other control measures which will ensure that this plant pest cannot escape and/or spread.

SECTION 2. Infested areas planted to rice and other economic plants shall be treated with appropriate mollusk-ticide or chemicals recommended by proper government authorities in order to eradicate the plant pest;

SECTION 3. The Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized representatives, upon due notice to the owner or occupants of the premises, shall have free access into any lot, yard, garden or other places where the said Golden Kuhol exists or being propagated for the purpose of ascertaining that control measures against the escape and spread of the pest are complied with;

SECTION 4. The Regional Directors of the Department of Agriculture and the officials of the provinces and municipalities affected shall coordinate with each other for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Order, pursuant to Section 3, Rule VI and Section 1, Rule XI of BPI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1981 and pursuant to Section 16 of P.O. 1433;

SECTION 5. Any person, natural or juridical who violates any of the provisions of this Order or forges, counterfeits, alters, defaces or destroys any document issued by virtue hereof, shall suffer the penalties provided for under Section 23 of P.D. 1433, which is a fine of not more than ₱20,000.00 or imprisonment from prison or seasonal to prison mayor or both, at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 6. This Order revokes or supersedes all orders inconsistent herewith and shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication as required by law.

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CARLOS G. DOMINGUEZ
Secretary of Agriculture

Recommending Approval:

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