



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

BPI SPECIAL QUARANTINE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 20
Series of 1987

SUBJECT: Declaring Mango Pulp Weevil *Sternochetus frigidus* (Fabr.) a Dangerous Pest and Injurious to Mangoes and Placing the Palawan Island Group Under quarantine to Prevent the Spread of Said Pest.

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Director of Plant Industry that the mango pulp weevil *Sternochetus frigidus* is injurious to mango fruits;

WHEREAS, mango is now one of our non-traditional export commodity;

WHEREAS, our infant mango growing industry requires appropriate protection from injurious plant pests and disease;

WHEREAS, after extensive survey it was found that mango pulp weevil *Sternochetus frigidus* exists in several areas of the Palawan Island group only;

WHEREAS, the spread of said mango pulp weevil *Sternochetus frigidus* should be prevented and its existence eradicated.

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, this Special Order is hereby promulgated, as follows:

SECTION 1. The mango pulp weevil *Sternochetus frigidus* is hereby declared as an injurious and dangerous pest of mangoes;

SECTION 2. The Palawan Island group is hereby declared and placed under quarantine in accordance with Section 8, P.D. 1433 as implemented by Section 1, Rule VI of BPI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1981;


SECTION 3. The movement, transfer or carrying of mango trees, fruits or parts thereof capable of harboring mango pulp weevil from Palawan Island group is hereby prohibited. Provided, however, that the movement and transfer or carrying of said mango trees, fruits or parts thereof may be allowed in limited quantity and for experimental purposes only, subject to the conditions that a permit for such purpose is first secured from the Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized representative and likewise subject to the provisions of Section 4, Rule VI of the DFI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1981;

SECTION 4. In order to carry out effective quarantine and control measures against the spread of mango pulp weevil, the Director of Plant Industry, in accordance with Section 16 of P.D. 1433, may request national, provincial, municipal and barangay officials and members of the Armed Forces in Palawan Island group to assist in the implementation/enforcement of such instituted plant quarantine measures in order to contain, prevent the spread and ultimately eradicate the said pest;

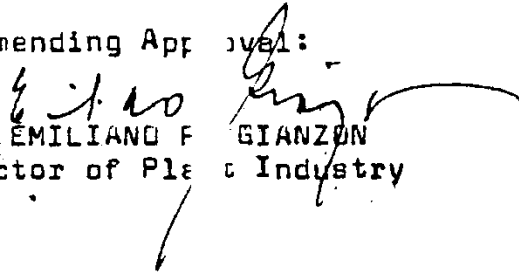
SECTION 5. All companies engaged in land, water or air transportation shall not ship or convey mango trees, fruits or parts thereof from any of the Palawan Island group to any part of the country except for those covered by Section 3 hereof;

SECTION 6. Any person who violates the provisions of this Order or forges, counterfeits, alters, defaces and destroys any document issued by virtue hereof shall suffer the penalties provided for under Section 23 of P.D. 1433 of which is a fine in an amount of not more than P20,000.00 or imprisonment from prison correccional to prison mayor, or both, at the discretion of the Court;

SECTION 7. This Order supersedes and revokes orders inconsistent herewith and shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication as required by law.


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Recommending Approval:


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