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SUBJECT: Declaring the Coffee Berry Borer  
(Stephanoderes hampei) Ferrari a  
Dangerous Pest, Providing for its  
Control and Placing Under Quarantine  
all Provinces where the Pest Exists.

WHEREAS, there now exists in Mindanao particularly Davao, Bukidnon and Cotabato the coffee berry borer, Stephanoderes hampei Ferrari, threatening the coffee industry in these areas;

WHEREAS, the coffee industry is one of the main sources of income of the farmers in Mindanao and other provinces and also contribute to the national economy of the country;

WHEREAS, adequate measures must be immediately adopted to control this dangerous pest, thus preventing its spread to coffee areas where the pest is not yet found;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred upon the undersigned by Section 1757 of Act No. 2711 known as the Revised Administrative Code, Section 24 of the Reorganization Plan No. 30-A, and 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 coffee berry borer Stephanoderes hampei Ferrari is hereby declared a dangerous pest of coffee and the following regulations are promulgated to govern the removal or treatment of coffee plants or parts thereof or coffee berries or seeds of said plant for the information and guidance of all concerned.

1. For the purpose of this Administrative Order, all municipalities in the Provinces of Bukidnon, Cotabato and Davao and such other places where said pest may be known to exist shall be considered as formally declared infested with this pest and under quarantine.

2. Whenever the coffee berry borer is known to exist in any locality in the Philippines, the Director of Plant Industry shall send a written report to the Governor of the province concerned, either directly or through his authorized representative or agent containing among other things, the names of the municipalities or barrios infested by the pest.

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

4. Once a municipality or portion thereof has been declared infested with the coffee berry borer, it shall be the duty of the person who owns or has under his charge coffee trees within the infested areas to do the following:

a) Treat the infested and healthy trees exposed to infestation or the entire plantation with any pesticide appropriate for the control of coffee berry borer such as Dieldrin, Aldrin, Endrin, Sevin, EPN, etc. as the case may be or in such a manner and way as prescribed by the Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized representatives or apply any other measure as advised by the authorities of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

b) Submit for fumigation all coffee beans harvested from his infested plantation which are intended for other provinces in the Philippines.

c) Cooperate with and help the Plant Quarantine Officers and other officials of the Bureau of Plant Industry in their work of controlling the coffee berry borer and comply with all the instructions, orders or requirements relative to the destruction or control of this pest such as those relating to the systematic fumigation of infested coffee beans and spraying of infested coffee trees.

5. In order to carry out the provisions of this Administrative Order, the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Director of Plant Industry or their duly authorized representatives, the Provincial Governor or his authorized representatives and other officials connected with or taking part in the campaign of controlling this pest, shall at all times have access to or upon any premises, warehouses or bodegas, land, lots, backyard or plantation of coffee trees where the coffee berry borer pest is known or suspected to exist.

6. All DANREA officials shall cooperate with the Director of Plant Industry and his duly authorized representatives, the plant quarantine officers and plant pest and disease control officers, in the enforcement

of the provisions of this Administrative Order and shall stop the movement of all parts of the coffee trees including fresh and dried coffee beans, unless certified by the Director of Plant Industry to the effect that said coffee beans are free from the pest.

7. All transportation companies either land, water or air and the Manila Railroad Station Masters and Postmasters, shall cooperate with the Director of Plant Industry and his duly authorized representatives, the Plant Quarantine Officers and Plant Pest and Disease Control Officers, in the strict enforcement of the provisions of this Administrative Order by not allowing or accepting shipments of coffee plants or parts thereof or beans or seeds either fresh or dried capable of spreading the coffee berry borer from the infested areas to places where this pest is not yet known to exist.

8. Nothing in this order shall be construed or interpreted as prohibiting the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Director of Plant Industry or their duly authorized representatives, from permitting of taking or removing in exceptional cases, in such manner or by such method or under such conditions as such, in any coffee plantation or in any place where such coffee plants or parts thereof or beans or seeds either fresh or dried are stored.

9. Whenever a municipality, city, island or province has been officially declared infested with the coffee berry borer in accordance with Paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Order, and in order to promptly prevent and thus effect the control of this pest, the provincial and city officials shall be required, pursuant to Section 12 of Act No. 3027, 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 pest.

10. The movement, transfer or carrying out of coffee plants or parts thereof or berries or seeds, either fresh or dried, capable of spreading the pest or those beans transported for consumption purposes or for any other purposes, from infested provinces, or municipalities to non-infested areas, is strictly prohibited, except those being made by the Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized representatives for study or scientific purposes.

The movement of pulped and dried coffee seeds not capable of propagation or coffee plants or parts thereof, or fresh or dried berries for private use or for commercial purposes, may also be allowed:

Provided: That said shipments are accompanied by Certificate of Inspection issued by proper authorities at the places of origin to the effect that the shipment is free from coffee berry borer or has been fumigated immediately before shipment with standard chemicals, like carbonbisulphide, hydrocyanic acid gas, etc.

11. Any shipment of coffee plants or parts thereof, or berries or seeds, fresh or dried, made in contravention of the provisions of this Administrative Order shall be seized by the Director of Plant Industry or by his duly authorized representatives and shall be either immediately returned to the place of origin, or completely destroyed or treated, according to the decision which the Director of Plant Industry may make in the premises: Provided, That the cost of the return or the destruction or treatment of the said plant materials shall be borne by the importer or consignee.

12. Any person, firm, association or corporation who contravenes or who obstructs, impedes or assists in obstructing or impeding the Secretary of Agriculture or the Director of Plant Industry or their duly authorized representatives or any other officials or employees connected with or taking part in the execution of any of the provisions of this Order, shall be liable to prosecution and upon conviction shall suffer the penalty provided for in Section 2746 of Act No. 2711 (Administrative Code) which is a fine of not exceeding one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

13. Any regulation or rules or any part thereof issued contrary this Order is hereby revoked.

14. This Administrative Order shall take effect on its approval.

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