

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3)
Series of 1963 (Revised))

November 19, 1963

SUBJECT: An Order Prohibiting the Importation of Plant Materials of all Plants of the Genus Musa, Coconut, Sugar Cane, Rice, Pineapple, Bamboo, Tobacco, Citrus Varieties Commercially Known as the Chinese Yellow and Red Kids, Maguey and Sisal, Except for Certain Purposes and Under Certain Conditions.

Under authority conferred by Sections 1 and 11 of Act No. 3027, entitled "An Act to Protect the Agricultural Industries of the Philippine Islands from Injurious Plant Pests and Diseases Existing in Foreign Countries, etc.", which authority is now vested in the Director of Plant Industry and the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources by virtue of Act No. 3639, the following regulations governing and regulating the importation, bringing or introduction into the Philippines of plant materials of all plants of the genus Musa; coconut, Cocos nucifera; sugar cane, Saccharum officinarum; rice, Oryza sativa; pineapple, Ananas comosus; bamboo, Bambusa sp.; tobacco, Nicotiana tabacum; citrus varieties commercially known as the Chinese Yellow and Red Kids; maguey, Agave cantala; and sisal, Agave sisalina, in order to prevent the introduction into this country of the insects and diseases destructive to said plants, are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

1. The importation of plant materials of all plants of the genus Musa; coconut, Cocos nucifera; sugar cane, Saccharum officinarum; rice, Oryza sativa; pineapple, Ananas comosus; bamboo, Bambusa sp.; tobacco, Nicotiana tabacum; citrus varieties commercially known as Chinese Yellow and Red Kids, maguey, Agave cantala; and sisal, Agave sisalina, is strictly prohibited; Provided, That a limited quantity of plant materials of such plants may, in accordance with Paragraph 2 and 10 of Administrative Order No. 2 of the Bureau of Plant Industry (upon proper application made to the Director of Plant Industry (BPI Form No. 32), and under permit from the said official (BPI Form No. 34), be imported through the Port of Manila, from countries or places which maintain plant quarantine inspection service, for the purpose of keeping the Philippines supplied with new varieties and necessary propagating stock. The same plant materials may also be imported in limited quantities, under quarantine, from countries or places not maintaining plant quarantine and inspection service, provided they are to be used for experimental purposes only, subject to such conditions as the Director of Plant Industry may impose. The plant materials imported for the purposes mentioned in this paragraph shall be planted or held, as the case may be, under quarantine in an isolation station by the Director

of Plant Industry for close observation and shall only be released when evidence is available showing that no injurious insects and/or plant diseases are present on, in or amongst such plants or plant materials; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT PINEAPPLE AND OTHER PLANTS THE IMPORTATION OF WHICH IS PROHIBITED UNDER THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER MAY BE IMPORTED INTO THE PHILIPPINES FROM COUNTRIES MAINTAINING PLANT QUARANTINE SERVICE ONLY AFTER TECHNICIANS (ENTOMOLOGIST AND PLANT PATHOLOGIST) OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT HAVE PROPERLY SURVEYED THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND FOUND NO PLANT PEST AND/OR DISEASE RISK INVOLVED IN SUCH IMPORTATIONS. They shall also be subject to such other conditions, requirement or treatment as the Director of Plant Industry may prescribe.

2. The term "Plant Material" as used on this Administrative Order shall, as defined in Paragraph 1 (b) of Administrative Order No. 2 of the Bureau of Plant Industry, mean and include living plants, rhizomes, fruits, seeds, cuttings, bulbs, grafts, leaves, roots, scions and fruit pits, and such other parts of plants used as packing materials in the natural or unmanufactured state or form, capable of propagation, or of harboring plant pests and/or diseases.

3. The use of rice straw, rice chaff, coconut, sugarcane and bamboo leaves, dried grasses and weeds, and other plant materials in the natural or unmanufactured state or form for packing, tying or filling materials for merchandize and personal belongings imported into the Philippines unless such materials are in the manufactured form such as mats, strings, slippers, bags, etc., is prohibited.

4. All or any plant materials of the plants enumerated in Paragraph 1 and 2 hereof, imported in contravention of this Administrative Order, shall be seized by the Plant Quarantine Officers of the Bureau of Plant Industry and shall be immediately returned to the country or place of origin or completely destroyed according to the decision, and under the direct supervision, of the Director of Plant Industry or his authorized representative in either case, the expenses shall be borne by the importer. For the destruction of the prohibited or packing materials, weighing from less than a kilo to 20 kilos, a minimum of ₱5 shall be charged. For every kilo or fraction thereof over 20 kilos a fee of twenty centavos (₱0.20) shall be charged.

5. Any person, firm, association or corporation who violates or contravenes any of the provisions of this Administrative Order shall be liable to prosecution, and upon conviction shall suffer the penalty provided in Section 13 of Act No. 3027, which is a fine not exceeding one thousand pesos (₱1,000.00), or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both in the discretion of the court.

6. All orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Administrative Order, are hereby repealed.

7. This Administrative Order shall take effect on the date of its approval by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

APPROVED. Dec. 4, 1963

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