

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 8 )  
SERIES OF 1946 )

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SUBJECT: Regulating the Importation of Fruits from the State of Texas, U.S.A., and Mexico in order to Prevent the Introduction into the Philippines of an Insect known as the Morelos Orange Worm of Mexican Fruit Fly (Anastrepha ludens).

WHEREAS, there is known to exist in the State of Texas, U.S.A., and Mexico an insect pest known as the Morelos orange worm or Mexican Fruit Fly (Anastrepha ludens), which attacks fruits, especially oranges, limes, mangoes, peaches, guavas, chicos and plums;

WHEREAS, this insect pest does not yet exist in this country; and

WHEREAS, if this insect pest were introduced into this country, it would be a menace to our fruit growing industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority conferred upon me by Section 1 of Act No. 3027 of the Philippine Legislature, entitled "An Act to Protect the Agricultural Industries of the Philippine Islands from Injurious Pests and Diseases Existing in Foreign Countries, etc.", the following regulations are hereby promulgated to govern and regulate the importation, bringing or introduction of fruits into the Philippines, from the above-mentioned places.

SECTION 1. The importation of fruits from the State of Texas, U.S.A., and Mexico is hereby prohibited; Provided, That the importation through the port of Manila of small quantities of such fruits may be permitted in order to secure better varieties, new propagating stock, or specimens for experimental purposes, in accordance with Section 2 of Administrative Order No. 2 of this Bureau. Such importation must be made through the Director of Plant Industry, subject to the provisions of said Administrative Order No. 2, and to the condition that the imported stock must be held in quarantine in an isolation station until it is evident that no plant diseases or injurious insects are present on such plant materials.

SEC. 2. Any importation of fruits from these places made in contravention of the provisions of this Order, will be seized by the Plant Quarantine Officer duly authorized by the Director of Plant Industry, and will be either immediately returned to the country or place of origin or completely destroyed, according to the decision of the Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized agents. The cost of the return or destruction of said plant materials shall be borne by the importer.

SEC. 3. Any person, who, without lawful authority to do so, 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 (P1,000.00), or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 4. Repealing Provisions-- All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Administrative Order are hereby revoked.

SEC. 5. The provisions of this Administrative Order shall take effect on approval.