

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
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PLANT INDUSTRY)
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7 :
Series of 1957 (Revised))

October 29, 1959

SUBJECT: Regulations Governing the Importation, Bringing or Introduction into the Philippines of Living Animals such as Insects, Birds, Crustaceans, Bats, Mollusks, Reptiles, Mammals and other Animals not Falling within the Scope of the Term "Domestic Animals" as Provided and Defined in Section 4 of Act No. 3639, in Order to Protect the Agricultural Industries of this Country.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of Act 3767, known as the "Agricultural Pest Quarantine Act", Plant Industry Administrative Order No. 7, Series of 1957, is hereby revised and the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated to govern and regulate the importation, bringing, or introduction into the Philippines from foreign countries, of living animals, such as insects, birds, crustaceans, bats, mollusks, reptiles, mammals and other animals not falling within the scope of the term "Domestic Animals" as provided and defined in Section 4 of Act No. 3639, in order to protect the agricultural industries in this country.

1. For the purpose of this Administrative Order, the following terms herein used are defined as follows:

(a) "Living Animals" shall mean any living animals of the kinds enumerated in paragraph 2 of this order and not falling within the scope of the term "Domestic Animals" as provided and defined in Section 4 of Act No. 3639.

(b) "Officer" shall mean singular or plural, as the case may demand, and shall include private person or persons, firms, corporations, companies, societies, associations and other legal entities and their agents or employees.

(c) "Authorized agents of the Director of Plant Industry" shall mean any plant quarantine officer or persons designated by the Director of Plant Industry to act as his representatives and who have written appointments issued by the said Director of Plant Industry.

2. The importation, bringing, or introduction into the Philippines, for curiosities or pets, for controlling agricultural pests, or

for any other purpose, of any living insects in any stage, or any birds, bats, reptiles, crustaceans, mollusks, mammals or other animals not falling within the scope of the term "Domestic Animals" provided and defined in Section 4 of Act No. 3639, is hereby prohibited, except upon a written permit from the Director of Plant Industry. Such animals may be imported, until further orders, through the Port of Manila only where they will be subject to a rigid inspection and to such other treatments as may be necessary, at the expense of the importer, to preclude the introduction of any organisms which might jeopardize the agricultural industry in this country.

3. Any person contemplating the importation, bringing or introduction into the Philippines of any of the living animals enumerated in the next preceding paragraph hereof, shall first make a written application to the Director of Plant Industry on a form provided for the purpose (BPI Form No. 19), giving all the data required in said form, and such application must be made at least one month in advance of the shipment of the living animals desired to be imported.

4. On approval of the Director of Plant Industry of an application for the importation of animals, a permit (BPI Form No. 20), shall be issued in triplicate; the original copy shall be furnished to the applicant for presentation to the Plant Quarantine Officer in the Port of Manila; the duplicate copy shall be furnished the Insular Collector of Customs; and the triplicate copy shall be filed with the Application at the Central Office of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

5. Immediately upon the arrival of the animals in the Port of Manila, the Importer or the person bringing in the animals shall make, in triplicate, a declaration to the Insular Collector of Customs on a form provided for the purpose (BPI Form No. 21), giving all the data required in said form. The original copy shall be filed with the Insular Collector of Customs, the duplicate copy shall be furnished the Director of Plant Industry and the triplicate copy shall be filed with the Plant Quarantine Officer in the Port of Manila. In the absence of a permit as Provided in Paragraph 4 hereof, the Director of Plant Industry, through his authorized agents, shall have the importation held for the purpose of determining whether or not the same may be allowed entry. If it is believed that the importation might be detrimental to the best interests of the country, same shall be ordered returned to the country of origin or destroyed at the option of the importer, who shall bear all the expenses incurred thereby.

6. All animals imported under this Administrative Order must be free from injurious pests and diseases, and shall not be accompanied by an obnoxious weeds, or seeds or plant materials which would likely become pests or weeds, or which would likely harbor destructive plant pests and diseases. Any such obnoxious weeds, seeds or plant materials

shall be destroyed. If after inspection the Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized agent believes that quarantine is necessary, said animals shall be quarantined, and after the necessary period of quarantine and observation, the said Director or his duly authorized agent opines that the disease or pest that may be present in or on said animals appears incurable or unremovable and that the introduction of said diseases or pests may prove detrimental to the best interest of the country, the animals concerned shall be ordered returned to the country of origin or destroyed at the option of the importer, who shall bear all expenses incurred thereby. Cats, rabbits, and other animals intended for curiosities or pets or for controlling agricultural pests, for experimental purposes, or for any other purpose, which might also be carriers of communicable animal diseases, shall also be subject to the inspection and certification by the Director of Animal Industry or his duly authorized agent.

7. Living animals falling under the provisions of said Act No. 3767, which may hereafter be made the subject of restrictive orders, may be imported in limited numbers under permit from the Director of Plant Industry if said animals are to be used for experimental purposes only, subject to such conditions as the said Director may impose and provided that said importation shall only be made through the Port of Manila.

8. Fees:

- a. For every permit issued, a fee of five pesos (₱5.00) shall be charged.
- b. In the absence of a permit, an entrance fee of fifteen pesos (₱15.00) shall be charged.
- c. Inspection fees - For a shipment of one to ten birds, a fee of ₱2.00 shall be charged. For any additional head thereof, a fee of ₱0.10 shall be charged.
- d. For animals liable to become pests, an additional fee of ₱5.00 each shall be charged.

9. The owner or importer of small animals shall reimburse whatever amount is defrayed by the Director of Plant Industry or his authorized agents in buying the feeds necessary for the maintenance of said animals from the date of arrival to the date the same is released. If the said owner or importer fails to claim or abandon ownership of the same after a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of arrival, the Director of Plant Industry shall order the immediate confiscation and sale at public auction or destruction, as the case may be, of said animals.

10. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association or their agents or employees in any manner or by any means to remove or carry any imported animal or animals from the place of landing until such animal or animals shall have been duly inspected and passed by the Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized agents.

11. Any person, firm, corporation or association that shall violate any of the provisions of this Administrative Order, or who shall forge, counterfeit, alter, deface, or destroy any certificate or any paper issued by virtue of this Administrative Order, shall be liable to prosecution and upon conviction shall suffer the penalty provided in Section 9 of Act No. 3767, which is a fine on the basis of the declared, manifested or assessed value of the imported animal or by imprisonment of not exceeding six (6) months, or by both, in the discretion of the court.

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

13. This Administrative Order shall take effect upon the date of approval.

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APPROVED: November 20, 1959

RECOMMENDED BY:

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Director of Plant Industry

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