

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 14
SERIES OF 1950 (REVISED)

**REGULATIONS GOVERNING INTER-PROVINCIAL
QUARANTINE ON ALL PLANTS OF THE GENUS
MUSA, IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE SPREAD
OF ABACA DISEASES KNOWN AS BUNCHY-
TOP INCLUDING HEART ROT, MOSAIC, WILT
(VASCULAR DISEASE) AND BACTERIAL LEAF
STREAK: PROVIDING MEASURES FOR THE
DESTRUCTION OF ALL INFECTED PLANT,
HILLS OR CLUMPS AND REVOKING BUREAU
OF AGRICULTURE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NOS. 38 AND 51**

Whereas, the fact has been determined by the Director of Plant Industry, and notice has been given to this effect that the provinces of Batangas, Cavite, Cotabato, Davao, Laguna, Mindoro, Quezon, Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Leyte, Lanao, and Bukidnon, are now infected with one or several of the dangerous abaca diseases generally called bunchy-top including heart-rot, mosaic, wilt (vascular disease) and bacterial leaf streak, which affect more or less seriously all plants of the species of the genus *Musa*, such as abaca (Manila hemp), banana, canton, pacol, etc.

Whereas, bunchy-top and heart-rot have already been declared to be dangerous abaca plant diseases by an Administrative Order issued by the former Bureau of Agriculture: and

Whereas, in the case of mosaic in particular, it is now very serious in many abaca plantations in the provinces of Cotabato and Davao; and

Whereas, if this diseases were not checked on time they may eventually destroy if not wipe out entirely our thriving abaca industry in these provinces.

Now, therefore, under the authority conferred upon me by Act. No. 3027, entitled "An Act to Protect the Agricultural Industries of the Philippine Islands from Injurious Plant Pests and Diseases, etc." and in order to prevent the further spread of these diseases in the Philippines, the following regulations are hereby promulgated:

Section. 1. For the purpose of this Administrative Order, the provinces of Batangas, Cavite, Cotabato, Davao, Laguna, Mindoro, Quezon, Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Leyte, Lanao, and Bukidnon or any province where either abaca bunchy-top, heart rot, mosaic, wilt (vascular disease), bacterial leaf streak or several or all of them have been found to exist, shall be considered as having been formally declared infected with any or all of the said diseases.

Sec. 2. The movement, transfer, or carrying of the plants of the species of the genus *Musa*, such as abaca (Manila Hemp), all varieties of bananas, canton, pacol, etc., from the infected provinces of Batangas, Cavite, Cotabato, Davao, Laguna, Mindoro, Quezon, Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Leyte, Lanao, and Bukidnon and other provinces which maybe declared Infected hereafter, to non-infected provinces or sub-provinces of all parts or parts thereof, except clean fiber, is hereby prohibited.

Sec. 3. The movement, transfer, or carrying of said plants or parts thereof, except clean fiber, from cities or municipalities, or plantations within the same province now declared infected or which may hereafter be declared infected with any of the above diseases to any other place, whether the latter be infected or not, is likewise prohibited, except when the transfer is made by the Bureau of Plant of Industry for experimental purposes or by private person under permit issued by said Bureau, at least ten days before such movement, transfer or shipment is made.

Anyone intending to open new plantation shall apply for permit, stating his name, address, the location and area of his plantation as well as the source of his planting materials, with the Director of the Plant Industry or his duty authorized representative in the province where the new plantation is located, who, if convinced that the propegating materials to be used are not infected or diseased, shall so grant the same.

Sec. 4. Whenever, either abaca bunchy-top, heart rot, mosaic, wilt (vascular disease), bacterial leaf streak or several or all of them are found and determined to exist in any locality in the Philippines, aside from the provinces mentioned in this Administrative Order, the Director of Plant Industry shall send a written notification to the Governor of the province or City Mayor concerned either directly or through the Plant Inspector of he Bureau of Plant Industry containing, among other things, the names of the municipalities or cities or barrios infected by the disease, or diseases and the owners or persons in charge of the plantations concerned.

Sec. 5. Upon being noticed in accbrdance with the preceding section, the Provincial Governor shall immediately inform, in writing, each Municipal Mayor or City Mayor concerned of the contents of the notification of the Director of Plant Industry. The Municipal or City Mayor shall then issue a written notification to the inhabitants of the municipality or city concerned to the effect that either abaca bunchy-top, heart rot, mosaic, bacterial leaf streak, wilt (vascular disease) or all exist in the municipality or city infected by the disease or diseases. Copies of the general notification in English and/or in local dialect shall be posted in at least six conspicuous places in the municipality or city and a certified copy of the same to the Director of Plant Industry.

Sec. 6. In order to carry out the provisions of this Order, the Director of Plant Industry, or his duly authorized representatives, or the Mayor of the Municipality or City concerned or his duly authorized representatives, shall at all reasonable times have access to or upon any land, lot, yard, garden or plantation wholly or partially to the cultivation of any or all plants of the species of the genus *Musa* where any of these diseases is known or suspected to exist.

Sec. 7. Nothing in this Order shall be construed or interpreted as prohibiting the Director of the Plant Industry or his duly authorized representatives from permitting the cutting, taking or removing, in exceptional cases in such manner or method or under such conditions as may be prescribed by him, such plants or parts thereof from any or all of the provinces mentioned above, or from those which may be declared infected hereafter.

Sec. 8. Whenever a municipality, city or province has been declared infected by either bunchy-top, heart-rot, mosaic, wilt (vascular disease), bacterial leaf streak or some or all of them, in accordance with sections 4 and 5 of this Order, it shall be the duty of the owner, lessee, or person in charge of the abaca plantation or plants affected by the disease to destroy every affected plant, hill or clump by first spraying with certain insecticides to kill the vectors, then cutting down the plants and finally treating the stumps or rootstock left with certain weedicides or digging them up, if necessary, and completely burning the corn and other infected parts thereof, and, further, in order to effectuate a more thorough and prompt control of these diseases and prevent their spread, the Chief of the Constabulary, the Provincial Governor, Municipal or City Mayor concern are hereby requested to cooperate with the Director of Plant Industry, pursuant to Section 12 Act No. 3027, in the strict enforcement of all Administrative Orders or instructions of the Director of Plant Industry relating to the control of these diseases.

Sec. 9. Failure of the owner or his caretaker to destroy all affected abaca plants, hills or clumps within a period of fourteen days from the date of receipt of written notification shall be considered *prima facie* evidence of an attempt to evade the duty imposed by virtue of this order and shall render the owner, lessee, or person in charge of abaca plantations or plants liable to the full penalties herein provided.

Sec. 10. Any person who fails or refuses to comply with the requirement of this order or who contravenes or violates any of the provisions of this Administrative Order or who obstructs or impedes or assists in obstructing or impeding the Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized representatives or the Municipal or City Mayor or his duly authorized representatives in the execution of any of the provisions of this 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 (P 1,000.00) or by imprisonment not exceeding six months or both, such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 11. Bureau of Agriculture Administrative Orders Nos. 38 and 51 and all other rules and regulations issued and enforced in this connection are hereby revoked.

Sec. 12. The provisions of this Administrative Order shall take effect on approval.

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

March 16, 1976

**AMENDATORY NOTICE TO PARAGRAPH I AND SECTION 1 OF
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 14, SERIES OF 1950 (REVISED)**

For the purpose of complying fully with the very intents and purposes of Adm. Order No. 14, Series of 1950 (Revised) which covers regulations governing Inter-Provincial Quarantine on all plants of the species of the genus *Musa*, in order to prevent the spread of the "Abaca Mosaic" and "Bunchy Top Disease" among other diseases affecting abaca, it is expedient that strict quarantine measures and field control be instituted to check any further spread of the above mentioned diseases to the non-infected areas in the Philippines, Paragraph I and Section 1 of Adm. Order No. 14, Series of 1950 (Revised) shall hence forth stand and read as follows:

Paragraph I.

WHEREAS, the fact has been determined by the Director of Plant Industry, and notice has been given to this effect that the Provinces of Cotabato, Davao, Zamboanga, Lanao, Bukidnon, Leyte, Laguna, Quezon, Mindoro and the Bicol Region (Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Albay, Sorsogon, Catanduanes and Masbate), are now infected with one or several of the dangerous abaca diseases generally called "Bunchy Top" including heart-rot, mosaic, wilt (vascular diseases) and bacterial leaf streak, which affect more or less seriously all plants of the species of the genus *Musa*, such as abaca, (Manila hemp), banana, canton, pacol, etc.

Section 1.

For the purpose of this Administrative Order, the provinces of Cotabato, Davao, Zamboanga, Lanao, Bukidnon, Leyte, Laguna, Quezon, Mindoro and the Bicol Region (Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Albay, Sorsogon, Catanduanes and Masbate) or any province where either abaca Bunchy Top, heart-rot, mosaic, wilt (vascular disease), bacterial leaf streak or several or all of them have been found to exist, shall be considered as having been formally declared infected with any or all of the said diseases.

This Amendatory Notice shall take effect upon approval.

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