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**BPI SPECIAL QUARANTINE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

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**SUBJECT: Declaring the Province of Davao del Sur as Area Free from Mango Pulp Weevil (*Sternochetus frigidus*) and Mango Seed Weevil (*Sternochetus mangiferae*)**

**WHEREAS**, the Mango Pulp Weevil (*Sternochetus frigidus*) and Mango Seed Weevil (*Sternochetus mangiferae*) are injurious pests of mango fruits and detrimental to the export of the commodity;

**WHEREAS**, based on surveys conducted from February to November 2006 under the BPI-AusAid Project entitled "Improving the Mango Industry Sustainability and Smallholder Income Generation in the Philippines through Expansion of Area Freedom Certification against Mango Pulp and Seed Weevils", it was found out that the Province of Davao del Sur, Mindanao, Philippines is absolutely free from both Mango Pulp Weevil and Mango Seed Weevil. The said survey was conducted on 16,641 mango trees from fourteen (14) municipalities. A total of 1,234,563 fruits of various varieties were collected and closely examined;

**WHEREAS**, the absence of both pests can result to the expansion of mango export markets to countries which require area freedom from these weevils;

**WHEREAS**, the improvement of the socio-economic status of mango stakeholders can be achieved through income derived from the domestic and export sales of quality mango fruits;

**WHEREAS**, after the said survey, checkpoints around the periphery or boundaries of Davao del Sur have been established in order to maintain its status as area free from the two aforementioned pests;

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry by PD 1433 otherwise known as the Plant Quarantine Decree of 1978, this Special Order is hereby promulgated as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Province of Davao del Sur in Mindanao is hereby officially declared as area free from and clear of the Mango Pulp Weevil (*Sternochetus frigidus*) and Mango Seed Weevil (*Sternochetus mangiferae*).

**SECTION 2.** The movement, transfer and carrying of mango planting materials, fruits or parts thereof into the Province of Davao del Sur is hereby prohibited. Provided however, that the movement, transfer and carrying of the said mango planting materials, fruits or parts thereof may be allowed in limited quantity and for experimental purposes only, subject to the condition that a permit for such purpose is first secured from the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry or his/her duly authorized representative.

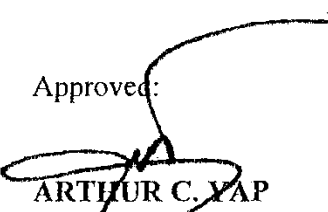
**SECTION 3.** In order to carry out effective plant quarantine measures, the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry, in accordance with Section 16 of PD 1433, may request the national, provincial, municipal and barangay officials and members of the Armed Forces in Davao del Sur to assist in the implementation/enforcement of such measures to maintain the area freedom status of the province from the pulp/seed weevils.

**SECTION 4.** All companies engaged in land, water and air transportation shall not ship or carry mango planting materials, fruits or parts thereof into the Province of Davao del Sur except for those covered by Section 2 of this Order.

**SECTION 5.** Any person who violates the provisions of this Order or forges, counterfeits, alters, defaces and destroys any document issued by virtue hereof shall suffer the penalties provided for under Section 23 of PD 1433 consisting, inter alia, of a fine of not more than P20,000.00 or imprisonment from prision correccional to prision mayor, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

**SECTION 6.** This Order supersedes and revokes orders or other issuances contrary to or inconsistent herewith and shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the publication as required by law.

Approved:

  
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Secretary of Agriculture

  
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February 19, 2007