

Republic of the Philippines  
Ministry of Agriculture  
**BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY**  
Manila

BPI SPECIAL QUARANTINE ORDER )  
No.         D-1         :  
Series of 1982 )

May 26, 1982

SUBJECT: Declaring Socorro Wilt of Coconut as  
Dangerous and Injurious Coconut Disease  
and Likewise Declaring the Island of  
Mindoro and Other Places Where the  
Same may be Found to Exist, Under  
Quarantine to Prevent its Spread from  
Infested Areas to Non-Infested Areas,

WHEREAS, it has been determined and established by the Director of Plant Industry that the "Socorro Wilt of Coconut" found in the Island of Mindoro, particularly in the Municipality of Socorro, is a very injurious disease of coconuts of unknown etiology;

WHEREAS, it has likewise been determined that the Socorro Wilt disease does not exist in any place of the country, except in the Island of Mindoro;

WHEREAS, in order to protect the coconut industry from this disease it is imperative that appropriate quarantine measures be properly instituted to arrest and prevent the spread thereof from infested to non-infested areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of Plant Industry by P.D. 1433, otherwise known as the "Plant Quarantine Decree of 1978", this Special Order is hereby promulgated.

SECTION 1. The "Socorro Wilt" is hereby declared an injurious and dangerous disease of coconuts.

SEC. 2. The island of Mindoro, is hereby declared and placed under quarantine in accordance with the provisions of Section 1, Rule VI of the BPI Quarantine Order No. 1, Series of 1981.

SEC. 3. The movement, transfer, or carrying of coconuts and/or parts thereof capable of harboring the disease from the Island of Mindoro, is hereby prohibited. Provided, that the movement or transfer of said coconuts and/or parts thereof, in limited quantity and for experimental purposes only, may be allowed subject to a permit for such purpose from the Director of Plant Industry or his authorized representative and likewise subject to the provisions of Section 4, Rule VI of BPI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1981.



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SEC. 4. Owners, lessees, or persons incharge of coconut trees or coconut plantations infested with Socorro Wilt in the Municipality of Socorro, Mindoro Oriental or other places where the said disease is found to exist, shall, under supervision by the Director of Plant Industry or his authorized representatives, destroy the coconut tree/s infested with Socorro Wilt, by cutting down the tree/s and treating them with the prescribed pesticides or completely burning them.

SEC. 5. In order to carry out more effective quarantine and control measures against the spread of the Socorro Wilt disease, the Director of Plant Industry, if he deems necessary, may request the Philippine Coconut Authority, the Philippine Constabulary Provincial Commanders in the Mindoro Provinces, the Provincial Governor of the Mindoro Provinces, and the Mayor of the Municipality of Socorro to assist in the enforcement of the such instituted plant quarantine measures in accordance with Section 16 of P.D. 1433.

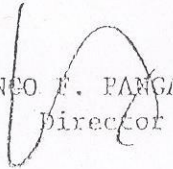
SEC. 6. All transportation companies either land, water or air shall refrain from shipping coconuts and/or parts thereof from the Island of Mindoro to any other part of the country, except for those covered by Section 3 hereof.

SEC. 7. Any "person" who violates the provisions of this Order, or forges, counterfeits, alters, defaces and destroy any document issued by virtue hereof shall be fined the amount of not more than P20,000.00, or by imprisonment from prison correccional to prison mayor, or both in the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 8. This Order shall supersede and/or revoke orders inconsistent herewith and shall take effect upon approval.

  
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RECOMMENDING APPROVAL:

  
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