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

BPI SPECIAL QUARANTINE ORDER )

No.           D-2           :

May 26, 1982

Series of 1982 )

SUBJECT: Declaring Rice Black Bug (Scotinophora  
 spp. Burm), a Dangerous Pest of Rice  
and Declaring the Palawan Group of  
Islands Under Quarantine to Prevent  
the Spread Thereof to Other Parts of  
the Philippines.

WHEREAS, it has been determined and established by the Director of Plant Industry that the Rice Black Bug (Scotinophora spp. Burm.) is a dangerous and injurious pest of rice.

WHEREAS, it has been determined and established by the Director of Plant Industry that the above-mentioned rice pest does not exist in any part of the country except in the Islands of Palawan,

WHEREAS, it is very necessary that our rice industry be provided with appropriate protection from the introduction and spread of this apparently new rice pest in order to preserve the gains achieved by the government in its Masagana-99 Rice Program.


WHEREAS, it becomes imperative that appropriate plant quarantine measures be instituted to arrest and prevent the spread of this rice pest to other places of the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested to the Director of Plant Industry by P.D. No. 1433, otherwise known as the "Plant Quarantine Decree of 1978," the following regulations are hereby promulgated to govern the movement and transfer of rice plants and/or parts thereof; other plants belonging to Family Graminae and other known host materials from the islands comprising the Palawan Group to other places of the country.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of this Order, the Palawan Group of Islands including Cagayan de Tawi-Tawi (Cagayan de Sulu) and Cagayan Islands are hereby declared quarantine areas.

SEC. 2. The movement, transfer or carrying of rice plants and/or parts thereof; other plants belonging to Family Graminae and other known host plants from the islands above declared under quarantine to other areas of the country, is hereby prohibited.

SEC. 3. The movement, transfer or carrying of such rice plants or parts thereof; other plants belonging to Family Graminae and other




known host materials, may be allowed provided that the corresponding permit to transport the same has been secured from the Director of Plant Industry or his authorized representative in accordance with Section 4, Rule VI of BPI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1981.

SEC. 4. Applicable provisions on the procedures or systems for the control/eradication and containment of pests of, and programs under LOI 405 dated May, 1976, which envisions the need for a coordinated and systematic approach to the country's pest control problems are hereby made an integral part of this Order.


SEC. 5. All carriers whether by land, water, or by air plying the Palawan Group of islands route are enjoined to cooperate with the Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized representative in the enforcement of this Order by not allowing or accepting shipments of the herein above prohibited materials which are capable of spreading the Rice Black Bugs from the Palawan Group of islands to other places of the country.

SEC. 6. Any "person" who violates the provisions of this Order or forges or counterfeits, alters, defaces and destroy any document by virtue hereto shall be fined the amount of not more than P20,000.00 or by imprisonment from prison correctional to prison mayor or both, in the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 7. This Order shall revoke and/or supersede all other orders inconsistent herewith and shall take effect immediately.

  
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RECOMMENDING APPROVAL:

  
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