

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

BPI SPECIAL QUARANTINE ORDER)

No. I-2 :
Series of 1982)

May 26, 1982

SUBJECT: Regulations Prohibiting, Except for Certain Purposes and Under Certain Conditions, the Importation of Coconut (Cocos nucifera Linn.) and Other Palms and/or Parts Thereof From Areas Infested with the Lethal Yellowing Disease of Coconut.

WHEREAS, it has been determined and established by the Director of Plant Industry that the "Lethal Yellowing Disease" of coconuts is a very serious and dangerous disease causing low productivity and untimely death of coconut trees infested thereby,

WHEREAS, it has been established that Jamaica; the other countries in the Carribean region, including the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Cuba, Florida (USA); West Africa, including Cameroon, Togo, and Ghana; and other places are infested with the Lethal Yellowing disease of coconuts;

WHEREAS, the lethal yellowing disease of coconuts is not yet present nor existing in any place in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the introduction of the said lethal yellowing disease of coconut into our country would seriously affect and ultimately destroy our coconut industry.

WHEREAS, to protect our coconut industry, it is necessary that appropriate and strict plant quarantine measures be instituted to prevent the introduction of the Lethal yellowing disease of coconut into the Philippines.

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", the following regulations on the importation of coconuts and other palms and/or part(s) thereof, is hereby promulgated.

SECTION 1. The importation of coconut and other palms and part or parts thereof from Jamaica, the Carribean region, including the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Cuba and Florida (USA); West Africa including Cameroon, Togo and Ghana and other places where the disease exists, is hereby prohibited: Provided, that importation of limited quantities of such coconut and other palms may be allowed for varietal



improvement purposes subject to a permit to import from the Director of Plant Industry in accordance with the provisions of Rule II of BPI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1981.

SEC. 2. Any "person" who intends to import coconut and other palms or parts thereof for varietal improvement and propagation shall file an application for permit to import plant/planting materials, stating the purpose of importation, quantity, origin of importation, name and address of exporter from the country of origin, place where such plants are being grown, and such other information that the Director may require regarding the said importation in accordance with the provisions of Section 3, Rule II of BPI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1981.

SEC. 3. The Director may revoke the permit to import plants or planting materials or confiscate or destroy the plants or planting materials any time when any of the cause/s or ground/s enumerated in Section 5, Rule II of BPI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1981 exist/s.


SEC. 4. Any "person", who violates the provisions of this BPI Administrative Order, or forges, counterfeits, alters, defaces and destroys any document issued by virtue of this Administrative Order shall be fined not more than Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) or by imprisonment from prison correctional to prison mayor or both, in the discretion of the Court in accordance with Section 23 of P.D. 1433.

SEC. 5. All rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Administrative Order are hereby superseded or revoked accordingly.



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RECOMMENDING APPROVAL:



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