

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 13 )  
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SUBJECT: Regulating the importation of rubber plants and parts thereof such as seeds, rubber stumps, budsticks, etc. from Central America in order to prevent the introduction into the Philippine Islands of a disease known as Dothidella ulei, except for certain purposes and under certain conditions.

WHEREAS, there exists in Central America a certain disease of the rubber plant known scientifically as Dothidella ulei, which attacks Hevea plants;

WHEREAS, the said disease is not yet present or known to be present in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, if this disease were introduced into this country it would be a menace to our rubber industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, under authority, conferred upon me by Section 1 of Act No. 3027, entitled "An Act to Protect the Agricultural Industries of the Philippine Islands from Injurious Plant Pests and Diseases, etc.," the following regulations are hereby promulgated to govern and regulate the importation, bringing or introduction of rubber plants and parts thereof such as seeds, budsticks, rubber stumps and other parts of the said plant capable of propagation or of carrying the disease into the Philippine Islands from the above mentioned places.

SECTION 1. The importation of rubber plants or parts thereof such as seeds, rubber stumps, budsticks, and other parts of the rubber plant capable of propagation and of carrying the said disease from Central America, is hereby prohibited: Provided, that the importation through the Port of Manila of small quantities of rubber seeds, seedlings or budsticks may be permitted in order to secure better varieties, new propagating stock or specimens for experimental purposes, in accordance with Section 2 of Administrative Order No. 2 of this Bureau. Such importation must be made through the Director of Plant Industry, subject to the provisions of said Administrative Order No. 2, and to the conditions that this imported stock must be held in quarantine in an isolation station until it is evident that no plant diseases or pests are present on such plant materials.

SEC. 2. Rubber plants, seedlings, cuttings or budsticks, rubber stumps, or seeds of said plant imported in contravention of the provisions of this Order shall be seized by the Director of Plant Industry or by his

duly authorized representatives and shall be either immediately returned to the country or place of origin, or completely destroyed or treated, according to the decision which the Director of Plant Industry may make in the premises; Provided: That the cost of the return, or the destruction or treatment of the said plant materials shall be borne by the importer.

SEC. 3. Any person, firm, association or corporation, who violates or contravenes any of the provisions of this Administrative 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 (P1,000.00), or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Administrative Order shall take effect on approval.