



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

BPI QUARANTINE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 14
Series of 1988

SUBJECT: Declaring the Potato Golden Cyst Nematode (*Globodera rostochiensis* Woll.) a dangerous pest and placing under quarantine all areas in the Philippines where they are found and known to exist.

WHEREAS, the golden cyst nematode (*Globodera rostochiensis* Woll.) is one of the most destructive pests of potato;

WHEREAS, it has been established by the Director of Plant Industry that the above-mentioned pest exists in Mountain Province and in the Province of Benguet;

WHEREAS, such countries as the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Ireland, Germany, Great Britain, United States, USSR, Norway, Italy and others have strict plant quarantine regulations prohibiting the movement and planting of potato tubers harvested from farms infested with the said nematode;

WHEREAS, in many advanced countries of the world, farmers are not allowed to plant potato for at least six years in farms known to be infested with cyst nematodes;

WHEREAS, in the Philippines, there are no existing Orders regulating the domestic movement of seed potatoes, and the current potato planting program in Mindanao and in some other potential areas of the country could be seriously affected if movements of seed potatoes are not regulated;

WHEREAS, it becomes imperative that appropriate protection be provided to our young potato industry by regulating movements of seed potatoes from areas infested by the said golden cyst nematode to non-infested areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 17 of P.D. 1433, otherwise known as the Plant Quarantine Law of 1978, the Director of Plant Industry, hereby promulgates the following Order to regulate the movement of seed potatoes from areas infested by the golden cyst nematode to other areas in the Philippines where the said nematode is not known to exist.

SECTION 1. For purposes of implementing this Order, the planting cultivation, propagation, distribution and/or multiplication of seed potatoes infested with the Golden Cyst nematode is strictly prohibited and declaring Mountain Province and the Province of Benguet and other areas in the Philippines where the pest may be found as under quarantine in accordance with Section 8 of P.D. 1433 as implemented by Rule VI of BPI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1981.

SECTION 2. The movement, transfer or transport of seed potatoes or parts thereof capable of propagation from areas mentioned in Section 1 hereof to other areas in the Philippines is strictly prohibited; provided that potato seed pieces shall be treated with known bio-agent or chemicals effective against the Golden Cyst Nematode before they are allowed for transport and for planting in other areas free from the said pest;

SECTION 3. In areas confirmed infested with Golden Cyst Nematode, the owner thereof shall be required to observe alternate planting of his field with cabbage, carrots, beans, peas and other non-solanaceous vegetables for at least two years;

SECTION 4. All potato seed pieces shall pass the seed certification scheme of the Bureau of Plant Industry;

SECTION 5. Table potatoes intended for consumption and produced from areas declared under quarantine for the Golden Cyst Nematode, must not be used for planting and must be thoroughly washed and cleaned of soil particles before they are distributed and marketed for consumption purposes only.

SECTION 6. The Director of Plant Industry may establish check points to be manned by his authorized representatives in order to restrict the movement of seed potatoes from areas declared as under quarantine for the said pest;

SECTION 7. The Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture concerned shall coordinate with the officials of provinces or municipalities affected in order to carry out the intention of this Order in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1, 2 and 3, Rule VI of BPI Quarantine Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1981, promulgated pursuant to Section 8 of P.D. 1433.

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SECTION 8. All carriers and transport facilities in areas concerned are required to cooperate with the Director of Plant Industry, his authorized representative and/or with other officials so required under existing laws for the full implementation of this Order.

SECTION 9. Any person, natural or juridical who contravenes or violates any of the provisions of this Order, or forges, counterfeits, alters, defaces or destroys any document issued by virtue hereof, shall suffer the penalties provided for under Section 23 of P.D. 1433 which is a fine of not more than ₱20,000.00 or imprisonment from prison correccional to prison mayor, or both at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 10. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall supersede all Orders inconsistent herewith.


CARLOS G. DOMINGUEZ
Secretary

Recommending Approval:


EMILIANO P. GIANZON
Director