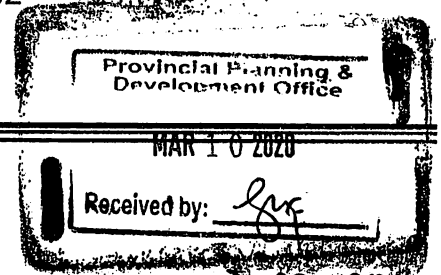




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**PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-008**  
**Series of 2020**



"AN ORDER DESIGNATING A HOLDING/DRIFTING AREA IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE OF ALL VESSELS MANNED BY CAPTAIN/S AND/OR CREW MEMBER/S WHO TRAVELLED FROM CHINA, HONG KONG, MACAU AND SOUTH KOREA AS WELL AS PROHIBITING THE DISEMBARKATION FROM SAID VESSELS OF PORK, PORK RELATED PRODUCTS, WASTES AND KITCHEN LEFT OVERS, THEREBY EFFECTIVELY AMENDING BY IMPLICATION CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS PROVINCE' EXECUTIVE ORDER (EO) NO. 20-005 AND EO NO. 20-006"

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization (WHO) already declared that the 2019 coronavirus disease (COVID-2019) is already a public health emergency on international concern having been infected thousands of people already all over the world;

**WHEREAS**, African Swine Fever (ASF) which is a highly contagious, dreadful and viral disease has been causing death of domestic and wild pigs in the country (including some areas in Mindanao) causing serious economic and hog production losses;

**WHEREAS**; *Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991* mandated local government units, among other things, to promote health and safety of the people;

**WHEREAS**, to protect the constituents of this Province (including its tourists) from COVID-2019 the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 20-005 dated 05 February 2020 entitled *"An Order Temporarily Banning from Entry in the Territorial Jurisdiction of the Province of Surigao del Norte all Chinese Nationals who will be entering the Province as Tourists, all Individuals who Travelled from China (including its Administrative Regions) and all Foreign Vessels which Travelled from China (including its Administrative Regions) Until they can Get Clearance from the Bureau of Quarantine;"*

**WHEREAS**, to prevent the entry of African Swine Fever (ASF) into this Province the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 20-006 dated 07 February 2020 entitled *"An Order Prohibiting the Entry (Total Ban) of Live Hogs, Pork, Pork Related Products and By-products Coming from Region XI, Region XII and all ASF-affected Areas in Luzon into the Province of Surigao del Norte;"*

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WHEREAS, the Province has no capability to protect all its constituents from COVID-19 and ASF;

NOW THEREFORE, I, FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS, Provincial Governor of the Province of Surigao del Norte, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**Section 1. Designation of Holding/Drifting Area of Vessels.** To protect the people of Surigao del Norte as well as its tourists from COVID-2019, all vessels coming from China, Hong Kong, Macau or South Korea should follow the COVID-2019 fourteen (14)-day quarantine period and should stay either outside the Philippine territorial waters or at the designated holding/drift area (centered at LAT.09 35.00N LONG.125), which is more particularly described in the sketch map hereto attached as Annex "A," before said vessels will proceed to the designated anchorage area for inspection of the Bureau of Quarantine's personnel or deputies.

The same rule shall apply to any vessel entering this Province from any other foreign country or territory but manned by captain and/or crew member/s who have recently travelled from China, Hong Kong, Macau or South Korea and did not undergo the required 14-day quarantine before he/they boarded on the said vessel.

**Section 2. Reckoning Points and Presumptions.** The 14-day quarantine period shall start to run as follows:

a.) for a vessel departing from any port in China, Hong Kong, Macau or South Korea, the 14-day period shall start to run from the time it departed from said port. In this case, it is always presumed that the subject vessel has not yet completed the 14-day Quarantine Period unless they can present a clear and convincing evidence to prove otherwise; and

b.) for a vessel departing from any other foreign country/territory, the 14-day period shall start to run from the time the captain/crew member/s departed from China, Hong Kong, Macau or South Korea. The captain/crew member/s of the subject vessel is presumed to have not undergone the 14-day quarantine unless he/they can present a clear and convincing evidence to prove otherwise.

**Section 3. Ban on Entry of Pork and Pork Related Products and Wastes and Kitchen Left Overs.** To prevent the entry of African Swine Fever (ASF) into this Province, it is hereby prohibited to disembark from vessel, which is coming from China, Hong Kong, Macau, South Korea or any country or territory where there are cases of ASF, the following:

a.) pork and pork-related products from China, Hong Kong, Macau, South Korea and other foreign countries/territories with cases of ASF; and

b.) wastes and kitchen left overs.

To properly implement this prohibition, the captain and crew members of the subject vessel are enjoined to seal all the pork and pork related products on board said vessel before entering the territorial waters of this Province.

**Section 4. Implementation.** The Bureau of Quarantine, Bureau of Customs, Department of Health, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine National Police, Maritime

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Industry Authority, Philippine Ports Authority and City/Municipal Health Officers concerned shall, in coordination with the undersigned and/or the Provincial Health Office of this Province, strictly implement this executive order.

**Section 5. Roles of the Mayors, Barangay Captains and Chiefs of the National Line Agencies.** All the city and municipal mayors, barangay captains and chiefs of all national line agencies within this Province are hereby ordered to disseminate this Executive Order within their respective jurisdictions effectively and efficiently.

**Section 6. Amendments and Interpretation.** Any provision/s of EO No. 20-005 dated 05 February 2020 and EO No. 20-006 dated 07 February 2020 issued by the undersigned, which are inconsistent to any of the provision/s of this executive order are hereby effectively amended and/or modified accordingly. On the other hand, those provisions of the aforementioned EO Nos. 20-005 and 20-006 which are not inconsistent to any of the provisions of this order shall remain to be valid and subsisting.

**Section 7. Separability Clause.** If any Section or part of this Order is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 8. Effectivity.** This order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020 in the Province of Surigao del Norte.



**ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS**  
Provincial Governor



Drifting area is about  
centered at LAT. 09  
35.00N LONG. 125  
00.00E All Drifting  
vessels should  
maintain No less than  
12NM from nearest  
land in compliance  
with DOH local safety  
protocol.

All vessels coming from China, Hongkong, Macau &  
South Korea should observe the 2019 NCOV 14 days  
incubation period and may stay outside the Phil  
terrestrial waters or proceed to the Drifting Area  
indicated. After 14 days time of departure from  
above ports or inclusive of their stay at Drifting area  
they can proceed to designated Quarantine station  
of their respective loading/discharging ports of  
Caraga Region for port Health Clearance inspection

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