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PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-020
Series of 2021

FIRST SUPPLEMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19-41, s. 2019, OTHERWISE KNOWN US AN "ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOL TO PREVENT THE ENTRY OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER INTO THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE"

WHEREAS, based on the latest African Swine Fever (ASF) PH Zoning Status released by the Bureau of Animal Industry-Department of Agriculture, ASF is now affecting our neighboring provinces in Caraga Region.

WHEREAS, ASF remains no vaccine, at present, and has mortality rate up to 100% in pig population. It is not transmissible to human but will surely cripple our swine industry as well as affecting our local market supply of pork.

WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 22, series of 2020, provides that all positive and exposed pigs within 500 meter radius, of the infected site, should be non-selectively depopulated.

WHEREAS, in order to avoid the entry of ASF virus which would surely hurt the livelihood of our swine raisers, there is now an urgent need to effectively and efficiently implement certain measures as laid out in EO no. 19-41, s. 2019 issued by the undersigned.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS, Provincial Governor, this Province, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order as follows:

- 1) **Strict Regulation on the transport of live hogs, pork and pork by-products in Seaports and other points of entry.** The component city and municipalities of this province are hereby enjoined to strictly implement the regulatory protocols and requirements on the entry of hogs, pork product and by-product.
 - a) In this regard, the following component local government units should ensure that applicable requirements on the transport of live hogs, pork, pork products are presented completely through:
 - i) **Eva Macapagal Passenger and Lipata Ferry Terminal** in so far as the City of Surigao is concerned;
 - ii) **Boundary between Surigao del Sur and Surigao del Norte** in so far as the Municipality of Claver, Surigao del Norte is concerned;
 - iii) **Boundaries between Municipalities of Kitcharao and Alegria** in so far as the Municipality of Alegria, Surigao del Norte is concerned; and

iv) **Boundary between Municipalities of Jabonga and Mainit** in so far as the Municipality of Mainit, Surigao del Norte is concerned.

b) **The entry of live hogs shall be regulated subject to the presentation of the following documents/ requirements:**

- i) Veterinary Health Certificate (valid for 3 days from the date of issuance)
- ii) Veterinary Shipping permit from the point of origin(one permit, one destination policy)
- iii) Origin should belong to the category of ASF-areas or green zones in the latest ASF Zoning Status released by BAI-DA or ASF-Free Certification issued by LGU veterinarian
- iv) Livestock Handlers Permit/ Livestock Transport Carrier Registration from Department of Agriculture

c) **The entry of meat particularly pork and pork related products and by products such as chorizo, longganiza, lumpia and all other similar frozen foods shall be regulated, thus entry thereof must be accompanied by the following applicable requirements from the point of origin:**

- i) **For locally produced pork:**
 - Meat Inspection Certificate from National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS)
 - Veterinary Shipping Permit
 - Origin should be from ASF-free/ Green Zone
- ii) **For imported pork:**
 - Certificate of Meat Inspection (COMI) from NMIS
 - Veterinary Shipping Permit
 - Origin should be from ASF-free / Green Zone
- iii) **For processed pork and pork products including frozen pork products:**
 - License to Operate (LTO) issued by FDA
 - Certificate of Product Registration issued by FDA

2) **Strict Slaughter policy and Meat Safety Measures:**

- a) Thorough ante mortem inspection of all animals brought to slaughterhouse.
- b) Implementation of "no Veterinary Health Certificate, No Slaughter Policy" to make sure that animals for slaughter are safe and free of any disease.
- c) Put on hold status any suspected animals and report immediately to local veterinary officer.
- d) All meat displayed or sold in the market or any market establishment shall be accompanied with Meat Inspection Certificate (MIC) issued by the LGU Meat Inspector or NMIS otherwise it is considered as Hot Meat.

3) **Prohibition on the use of Catering Food Wastes or left over as swine swill feed.** Feeding of kitchen left overs to swine is considered as one of potential routes of introducing the disease in our area since ASF virus is quite resistant to high and low temperature in meat based food.

4) **Surveillance of piggery Farms both Backyard and Commercial Farm.**

- a) Conduct validation of any reported swine mortality cases.

- b) Conduct disease investigation for any suspected swine mortality.
- c) Conduct blood sampling of pigs in coordination with Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) and Department of Agriculture (DA).
- d) Conduct regular health monitoring of pigs in your locality.
- e) Report to PVO or DA any unusual number of swine mortalities in your locality.

5) **Strengthening Information Education Campaign**

- a) Boost public awareness about ASF by disseminating information through social media, posters in public places and the likes.
- b) Encourage vigilance among swine raisers to report immediately to Municipal Agriculture Offices for any suspected swine mortality
- c) Educate hog traders and frozen products sellers to comply the requirement and obey protocols in bringing such products into the locality.
- d) Encourage consumers to always look for the above mentioned documents in buying hogs, pork and pork products to help maintain our area ASF Free.

- 6) **Encouraging livestock raisers to enroll their animals to Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation to protect them in times of any untoward event.**

All provisions of prior orders, rules and regulations, other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with the provision/s of this order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Issued this 4th day of May 2021 at the Kapitolyo Nan Siargao, Dapa, Surigao del Norte.



ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS
Provincial Governor