EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. <u>17-A</u> Series of 2021

AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17 SERIES OF 2021 BY EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR THE TRANSPORT OF HOGS OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 2021 IN ORDER TO SELL/DISPOSE THE SURPLUS PRODUCTION OF HOGS BY THE LOCAL HOG RAISERS AND BY PROVIDING FOR ITS GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, DA Administrative Circular No. 12 Series of 2019 provides for the National Zoning and Movement Plan for the Prevention and Control of African Swine Fever as a guide for movement protocols intended to control the spread of the virus;

WHEREAS, Presidential Administrative Order No. 22 Series of 2020 was issued Directing All Government Agency and Local Government Units to Strictly Implement and Comply with the "National Zoning and Movement Plan for African Swine Fever" Under Department of Agriculture Administrative Circular No. 12 Series of 2019;

WHEREAS, DA Administrative Order No. 05 Series of 2019 provides Guidelines on the Local Transport/Shipment of Animals, Animal Products and By-products which protect and promote life and health of animals and the human populace by ensuring utmost biosecurity against the introduction or the spread of diseases through unregulated movement of animals, animal products and by-products; and to facilitate trade;

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 1143 dated May 10, 2021 was issued Declaring A State of Calamity Throughout the Philippines Due to the African Swine Fever Outbreak. Section 2 of the said issuance provides that all government agencies and LGUs are enjoined to render full assistance to and cooperation with each other, and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent and appropriate measures in a timely manner to curtail the further spread of ASF, address the supply deficit in pork products, reduce retail prices, and jumpstart the rehabilitation of the local hog industry;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 34 Series of 2019 was issued by the Provincial Government imposing temporary ban on the entry of live domestic and wild pigs, pork meat and its products into the Province of Occidental Mindoro. It was amended by Executive Order No. 34-A on December 2, 2019 allowing the entry of live hogs, pork and pork-based products coming from the Province of Oriental Mindoro provided that these are accompanied with proper shipping documents and the pork and pork-based products must be sourced from NMIS "AA" accredited slaughterhouses or abattoirs. Subsequently, Executive Order No. 34-B Series of 2020 was issued giving the Municipal Local Government Units the discretion to impose policies prohibiting the entry of live hogs, pork and pork-based products coming from the Province of Oriental Mindoro within their jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, Section IV, paragraph 8 of Executive Order No. 34 Series of 2019 prohibits outbound transport of hogs to prevent shortage of supply of pork, pork products and byproducts in Occidental Mindoro.

WHEREAS, in view of the "TAGKIRIWI" season resulting to reduced purchasing power of the residents of the province, Executive Order No. 17 Series of 2021 was issued by the Provincial Government allowing the transport of hogs for slaughter outside the province only for a period of two (2) months or until October 5, 2021 to sell/dispose the surplus production of hogs by local hog raisers.

WHEREAS, the two-month period is about to lapse and the local hog-raisers are only in the process of facilitating the sale of their produce to prospective purchasers from outside the province, thus, the need to extend the period for allowing the transport of hogs outside the province until November 30, 2021. Hence, this Executive Order.

NOW THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, Governor of the Province of Occidental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17 SERIES OF 2021 BY EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR THE TRANSPORT OF HOGS OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 2021 IN ORDER TO SELL/DISPOSE THE SURPLUS PRODUCTION OF HOGS BY THE LOCAL HOG RAISERS.

Section 1. TRANSPORT OF HOGS OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE ALLOWED. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 17 Series of 2021 is hereby amended to read, as follows:

"Transport of hogs for breeding and slaughter is NOT allowed outside the province to prevent shortage of supply of pork, pork products and by-products within Occidental Mindoro.

However, considering that there is a surplus production of hogs by our local hog raisers in view of a lower demand in the local market especially this "TAGKIRIWI" season, transport of hogs for slaughter outside the province is allowed <u>until November 30, 2021</u> in order to sell/dispose the surplus production of hogs by the local hog raisers, subject to the guidelines provided hereunder."

Section 2. GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS TO BE COMPLIED WITH FOR THE SHIPMENT AND TRANSPORT OF HOGS OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE:

A. Hog dealers who will buy slaughter hogs in the province and sell the same outside the province:

- A. 1. Must be of bonafide resident and legitimate hog dealer of the province;
 - A.1.1 Hog dealers from other provinces are NOT ALLOWED to buy hogs for slaughter;
- A.2. Must have the following updated business documents:
 - A.2.1. Mayor's Business Permit;
 - A.2.2. BAI Livestock Handler's License Permit; and
 - A.2.3. BAI Registered Livestock Transport Carrier.

B. Shipment of hogs for slaughter to be sold outside the province:

- B.1. Must range from 80kgs live weight and up;
 - B.1.1. Hogs below 80kgs live weight are intended for local market;
- B.2. Culled sows and boars;
- B.3. Must be sourced-out only from commercial and backyard piggery farm within the province;
 - B.3.1. Passing through of hogs from Oriental Mindoro to Batangas via Occidental Mindoro is NOT ALLOWED
- B.4. Must have Veterinary Shipping Permit (VSP) and Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) from the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian;
 - B.4.1. Issuance of Animal Certification from the Municipal Agriculture/Veterinary Office which certifies that the hogs were raised in their municipality prior to the issuance of VSP and VHC for traceability.
- B.5. Enroute begins from the sourced commercial and/or backyard piggery farm within Occidental Mindoro directly to the slaughterhouse of destination outside the province.
 - B.5.1. Dropping-off of hogs to livestock auction market outside the province is NOT ALLOWED.
 - B.5.2. Transfer of hogs to another transport carrier outside the province is NOT ALLOWED.
- B.6. Received copy of the Veterinary Shipping Permit/ Health Certificate (Shipper's Copy) from the slaughterhouse of destination shall be presented upon return of the shipper containing the name and signature of slaughterhouse master/ meat inspector, contact number and date and time of receipt.

C. BAI Registered Livestock Transport Carrier:

- C.1. Must be registered with the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian for verification;
- C.2. Must be used for transport of hogs. However, in case there is a back load upon return to the province, the transport carrier must be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with Section 2, paragraph C.3 of this Executive Order;
- C.3. Must be used only within the province and to the slaughterhouse destination outside the province;
 - C.3.1 Incoming transport carriers which are not registered with the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian will not be allowed entry into the province and will be advised to Return to Origin (RTO). In the event that said incoming transport carrier was able to enter the province and was found trying to ship out hogs from the province, it will be ordered to return to the point of origin at the expense of the shipper. For the first infraction, the shipper would be ordered to execute an undertaking under oath that it will not commit the same infraction again. For the second infraction, the hogs seized will be confiscated in favor of the government.

Also, illegal transport of hogs outside the province by local shipper/ individual will be dealt with/treated similarly.

- C.4. Cleaned and disinfected prior to the return to the province;
 - C.4.1. Upon return to the province, driver/ shipper must present disinfection stub provided by the animal quarantine checkpoint and/ or disinfection form provided by the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian-Occidental Mindoro and duly signed by the animal quarantine checkpoint outside the province;
 - C.4.2. Must also be disinfected upon entry at the Matabang Port, Abra de Ilog and Magsaysay border by the Provincial Veterinary Quarantine Service (PVQS) of the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian;
- C.5. Disinfected prior to loading of hogs for shipment outside the province by the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian at the Capitol Complex, Mamburao, PGOM Sub-office, Magbay and Animal Quarantine Checkpoint in Magsaysay Border.

Section 3. VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE PROVISIONS. Shipper who will violate any of the foregoing provisions will NOT BE ALLOWED to transport hogs outside the province within the validity period of this Executive Order.

Section 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid for any reason, the parts not affected thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

Section 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Executive Orders, Rules and Regulations issued by this province which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, superseded or modified accordingly.

Section 6. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be valid until November 30, 2021, unless earlier revoked or extended by another issuance.

DONE at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro this ______ day of October 2021.

EDUARDO B. GADIANO Governor