EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. <u>37</u> Series of 2023

AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6 SERIES OF 2022 BY ALLOWING THE TRANSPORT OF HOGS/PIGLETS OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE FOR PURPOSES OF REPOPULATION/REHABILITATION OF THE SWINE INDUSTRY OF THE ASF-AFFECTED PROVINCE OR LGU PURSUANT TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6 SERIES OF 2021

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 by-products 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 Provincial Government issued Executive Order No. 17-A Series of 2021 on October 5, 2021 extending the period for allowing the transport of hogs outside the province until November 30, 2021 due to the request of the local hog raisers.

WHEREAS, due to the pressing requests of meat vendors, local hog raisers and consumers to temporarily stop the transport of hogs outside the province in view of the sudden shortage of supply of hogs in the northern part of the province (MAPSA area), Executive Order No. 17-B disallowing the transport of hogs outside the province effective November 4, 2021 was issued by the Provincial Government.

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government issued Executive Order No. 6 Series of 2022 amending Executive Order No. 34 Series of 2019 and Executive Order No. 17-B Series of 2021 thereby allowing the transport of slaughter hogs outside the province, in view of requests of concerned hog raisers who are members of cooperatives;

WHEREAS, Engr. Maria Christine C. Inting, MPM, Regional Executive Director of the Department of Agriculture, Regional Field Office – MIMAROPA, through her letter dated May 5, 2023, requested the Provincial Government to allow Rufina Farm for the inter-island shipment and transport of piglets to the province of Marinduque in the implementation of calibrated

repopulation therein in compliance with DA Administrative Order No. 6 series of 2021 entitled "Guidelines on the Implementation of the Recovery, Rehabilitation and Repopulation Assistance Program for ASF-Affected and Non-Affected Areas";

WHEREAS, in view of the noble intention of the said Administrative Order geared towards recovery and rehabilitation of swine industry in ASF outbreak zones, it is imperative to amend Executive Order No. 6 Series of 2022 to allow the transport of hogs/piglets to other provinces or local government units for purposes of repopulation/rehabilitation of their swine industry pursuant to DA Administrative Order No. 6 series of 2021.

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. 6 SERIES OF 2022 BY ALLOWING THE TRANSPORT OF HOGS/PIGLETS OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE FOR PURPOSES OF REPOPULATION/REHABILITATION OF THE SWINE INDUSTRY OF THE ASF-AFFECTED PROVINCE OR LGU PURSUANT TO DA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6 SERIES OF 2021.

Section 1. TRANSPORT OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE OF SLAUGHTER HOGS AND HOGS/PIGLETS FOR PURPOSES OF REPOPULATION/REHABILITATION PURSUANT TO DA ADMINITRATIVE ORDER NO. 6 SERIES OF 2021 IS ALLOWED.

1. TRANSPORT OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE OF SLAUGHTER HOGS AND SECTION HOGS/PIGLETS FOR PURPOSES OF REPOPULATION/REHABILITATION PURSUANT TO DA ADMINISTRATIVE NO. 6 SERIES OF 2021 IS ALLOWED.

Section 1 of Executive Order No. 6 Series of 2021 is hereby amended to read, as follows:

"Transport of breeding hogs outside the province is not allowed. However, transport outside the province of hogs for slaughter and hogs/piglets for purposes of repopulation/rehabilitation of the swine industry of the ASF-Affected province or LGU pursuant to DA Administrative Order No. 6 Series of 2021, is allowed subject to the guidelines as 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 hogs/piglets in the province for purposes of slaughter and repopulation/rehabilitation of the swine industry of the ASF-Affected province or LGU:
- A. 1. Must be a 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/piglets outside the province:

- B.1. Hogs for slaughter must range from 80kgs live weight and up. <u>Hogs/piglets to be transported outside the province for purposes of repopulation/rehabilitation of the swine industry of ASF-Affected provinces or LGUs may be below 80kgs live weight;</u>
 - B.1.1. Hogs below 80kgs live weight are intended for local market <u>except those to be transported to ASF-Affected provinces or LGUs for repopulation/rehabilitation of their swine industry;</u>
 - B.1.2. Buyer/shipper should buy the hogs from the producer/raiser through live-weight buying scheme using weighing scale and should issue proof of purchase to the latter with corresponding weight of the animal and price per kilo live weight.
- 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) from NVQS 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 or LGU-designated holding/stockyard facility 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 shipment of hogs from local livestock transport carrier that will be shipped-out from the province must be done in a designated area near Matabang Port in Abra de Ilog.
- B.6. Received copy of the Veterinary Shipping Permit/ Health Certificate (Shipper's Copy) from the slaughterhouse of destination or LGU-designated holding/stockyard facility 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 or LGU-designated holding/stockyard facility 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.4.3. Must be parked in a designated area near the Matabang Port in Abra de Ilog and will be thoroughly disinfected by the PVQS of the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian while awaiting the transfer of hogs from local livestock transport carrier;
- C.5. Local transport carrier of hogs should also be BAI-registered;
 - C.5.1. Local transport carrier of hogs should also be disinfected in their locality by the Municipal Agriculture/Veterinary Office prior to loading of hogs to be transported via transport carrier for outside shipment;
 - C.5.2. Local transport carrier of hogs can also be disinfected in the following areas: Office of the Provincial Veterinarian-Mamburao, Office of the Provincial Veterinarian at PGOM Sub-Office, Magbay in San Jose and Animal Quarantine Checkpoint of OPV in Sitio Buriraoan, Brgy. Nicolas, Magsaysay.
 - C.5.3. Local Transport carrier of hogs should be marked with the initial of first name, middle name and full surname of the proprietor and or BAI Registered Livestock Handler; or name of hog raiser's cooperative on both sides of the transport carrier, in capital letters, for purpose of traceability.
- **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.

DONE at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro this 23^d day of June 2023.

EDUARDO B. GADIANO