### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 34

Series of 2019

# AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPOSING TEMPORARY BAN ON THE ENTRY OF LIVE DOMESTIC AND WILD PIGS, PORK MEAT, PORK MEAT PRODUCTS INTO THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

WHEREAS, an outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) disease on pigs in the province of Rizal has been confirmed by World Reference Laboratory in Pirbright, England as stated in DA-CMTF Bulletin No. 5 dated 9 September 2019;

WHEREAS, ASF is a highly contagious and fatal viral infection that only affects pigs, whether commercial or native, has no vaccine to prevent the spread of such disease, and could result to severe economic loss of hog industry in an affected country/area due to mass culling of pig populations, which is the control measure to prevent the spread of the disease;

WHEREAS, while the virus is not zoonotic, it is imperative to undertake precautionary measures to prevent the virus from entering Mindoro Island and infecting our local pigs, including commercial and backyard raised pigs, native pigs, and wild boars, because of its high transmission rate, no treatment, and the ability of the virus to persist on extreme conditions. It has also been recorded that the virus can survive in frozen, cooked, processed and canned pork products and pork by-products, including *chicharon* and pig leather;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA), through the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), issued Administrative Order No. 4, Series of 2019 dated August 20, 2019, reiterating to the Provincial Veterinary Offices (PVOs), City Veterinary Offices (CVOs), Municipal Veterinary Offices (MVOs) and Municipal Agriculture Offices (MAOs) to implement precautionary measures to ensure food safety and food security in their respective area of jurisdiction; and advising backyard hog raisers not to feed kitchen food wastes (swill or "sagmaw/mimis/damog/kaning-baboy" feeding) to their hogs;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) Memorandum Order 22, Series of 2018 dated August 30, 2018 prohibits the use of catering food waste/left-overs from international and domestic airports and seaport as swine feed throughout the country;

WHEREAS, ASF Virus can be transmitted through direct contact from infected pigs to healthy pigs. Feeding of kitchen waste, food residues and infected meat products to healthy pigs; and contaminated materials like clothing, shoes and slippers, and livestock transport trucks are the sources of infection to pigs during an outbreak of African Swine Fever;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Department of Agriculture (DA) Memorandum Orders 18, 23, 26, 30 and 31, Series of 2018, and Memorandum Orders 02, 06, 10 and 95, Series of 2019, the FDA expanded the temporary ban on importation, distribution, and sale of all processed pork meat products from the ASF affected countries;



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WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro must devise ways and means to prevent the possible outbreak of African Swine Fever in the province, or should it be inevitable, minimize its impact to the local hog industry of the province;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Veterinary Office of Occidental Mindoro strongly recommends the imposition of a ban on the importation and entry into the province of live pigs, pork meat, and pork related products in Occidental Mindoro;

WHEREAS, there is a compelling need for an inter-agency collaboration, including the barangays, to effectively implement the prevention, control, and eradication of the ASF Virus in the province, as well as in other parts of Luzon.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, by virtue of the powers vested in me as Provincial Governor by Section 465 (b) (2) (iii), Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 4, Book III of the Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, do hereby promulgate this Executive Order:

#### Section I. Rationale:

- a. To prevent the entry of ASF Virus on local commercial and backyard raised swine, native, and wild pigs of Occidental Mindoro;
- b. To adhere to the DA Administrative and Memorandum Orders and FDA Health Advisories, and support the national action of preventing the national outbreak of ASF:
- To create Provincial ASF Task Force;
- d. To utilize LDRRM Fund for the pre-disaster (Quarantine Control and Food Safety Measures), disaster (in case of incursion/outbreak), and post-disaster (indemnification fund/livelihood assistance) activities related to ASF; and
- e. To convene multi-sectoral agencies as part of Provincial ASF Task Force.

# Section II. Countries which are affected by ASF and covered by ban by the DA and FDA:

- a. Myanmar
- b. Belgium
- c. Bulgaria
- d. Czech Republic
- e. Hungary
- f. Latvia
- g. Moldova
- h. Poland
- i. Romania
- i. Russia
- k. South Africa
- Ukraine
- m. Zambia
- n. China
- o. Mongolia
- p. Vietnam
- q. Cambodia

Section III. Implementing guidelines on the transport of live domestic and wild pigs and their products including pork meat, processed pork meat, pork meat by products and semen into the Province of Occidental Mindoro:

- All live domestic and wild pigs and their products source from other provinces and foreign countries are totally banned and prohibited in the Province of Occidental Mindoro; and
- All pork related products coming from the countries affected with ASF as stated in Section II hereof are totally banned and prohibited in the Province of Occidental Mindoro;

#### Section IV. Implementing guidelines on Quarantine Control Measures:

- Strict Biosecurity Measures through vehicle spraying and disinfection at the Ports of Abra de Ilog, San Jose, checkpoint in Magsaysay (border control), Tilik and Agkawayan Port in Lubang Island;
- 2. Construction and strict use of wheel bath at exit gate in aforementioned ports;
- 3. Installation and strict use of foot bath at exit gate in sea ports and airport;
- All transport carrier of livestock which originate from Occidental Mindoro and engage in transport of large ruminants outside the province must have valid accreditation from the BAI-AHWD;
- All transport carrier of livestock which originate from Occidental Mindoro and engage in transport of large and small ruminants outside the province must have valid accreditation from the BAI-AHWD;
- All accredited transport carrier of large and small ruminants which originate from Occidental Mindoro must secure a certification from a licensed veterinarian that the vehicle is thoroughly sanitized and disinfected before entering the province;
- All vehicles used for swine related operations like food trucks and its content, refrigerated/closed van carrying pork related products, swine transport carrier and the like coming from outside the province are banned from entering Occidental Mindoro;
- Transport of hogs for breeding and slaughter are NOT allowed outside the province to prevent shortage of supply of pork, pork products and by-products within Occidental Mindoro;
- 9. Inspection of vans, buses, and other vehicles for live domestic and wild pigs and pork meat products, including but not limited to canned, cooked, uncooked, processed and fresh pork meat will be carried out with the assistance of the local Philippine National Police (PNP) in quarantine sites and checkpoints. Examples of items to be checked are hotdogs, chicharon, cooked viands like pork adobo, longganisa, tocino, ham, pig leather, meat loaf, siomai, etc.;
- All Municipal Mayors and Barangay Captains are ordered to provide assistance/augmentation of quarantine personnel in aforementioned quarantine areas;
- 11. All LGUs are ordered to conduct IEC campaign on ASF Awareness and Prevention such as stakeholders meeting, putting up of signage and tarp in conspicuous places, production, and distribution of pamphlets and flyers and the like on their respective jurisdictions;

- 12. All Municipal Mayors and Barangay Captains with coastline areas are ordered to activate their "bantay-dagat" personnel in coordination with Philippine Coast Guard to apprehend possible smuggler of live domestic and wild pigs, and pork meat products and by products from entering their respective coastline;
- 13. All Municipal Mayors with locally registered slaughterhouses and markets are ordered to strictly enforce the Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 4, Series of 2019, reiterating the Food Safety Measures and Veterinary Quarantine Procedures in their respective jurisdiction;
- 14. All local backyard and commercial hog raisers including raisers of native and wild pigs are hereby ordered to stop feeding kitchen left-overs/waste, swill ("sagmaw/mimis/damog/kaning-baboy" as locally referred) to their animals in which it is one of the main sources of ASF Virus contamination of swine diet during the validity of this Executive Order;
- 15. All maritime vessel shipping companies, large and small scale fishing vessels docking in ports of Occidental Mindoro are hereby ordered to refrain from giving their kitchen and canteen leftovers/swill to local hog producers of Occidental Mindoro;
- 16. All fast food chains, hotels and restaurants, school canteen, carinderia, food carts and the like engaging business in the province of Occidental Mindoro are hereby ordered to refrain from giving their kitchen and canteen leftovers/swill to local hog producers of Occidental Mindoro;
- 17. All stakeholders must be vigilant to report to the authorities any occurrence of swine diseases, sudden mortalities of pigs, and violators of this Executive Order:
- 18. All pork and pork related products with proper shipping documents from outside the province being transported on an accredited transport vehicle which are not intended for pork and pork related products upon inspection at quarantine sites will be ordered "BACK TO ORIGIN" together with the transport vehicle and its whole content. Freight expense going back to its source will be shouldered by the shipper and owner/proprietor of the transport carrier;
- 19. All pork and pork related products without proper shipping documents from outside the province being transported on an accredited and/or unaccredited transport vehicle which are not intended for pork and pork related products upon inspection at quarantine sites will be CONFISCATED and CONDEMNED, and the transport carrier will be ordered "BACK TO ORIGIN". Freight expenses going back to its source will be shouldered by the shipper and owner/proprietor of the transport carrier;
- 20. All pork and pork related products without proper shipping documents from outside the province being transported on an unaccredited transport vehicle which are not intended for pork and pork related products upon inspection at quarantine sites will be CONFISCATED and CONDEMNED, and the transport carrier will be ordered "BACK TO ORIGIN". Freight expenses going back to its source will be shouldered by the shipper and owner/proprietor of the transport carrier; and
- 21. All hand carried items of pork and pork related products with or without proper shipping documents from outside the province will be CONFISCATED and CONDEMNED.

**Section V.** The Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro reserves the right to take appropriate legal action against violators of this Executive Order.

**Section VI.** All executive issuances, orders, rules and regulations or part thereof, inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

Section VII. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately until recalled.

**Done** in the Provincial Capitol, Province of Occidental Mindoro, this day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen.

EDUARDO B. GADIANO