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BPI Special Quarantine Order
No. 01
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Subject: **Declaring Severe Infestation of *Aspidiotus* spp. and *Unaspis* sp. in Mangosteen (*Garcinia mangostana*) and Lanzones (*Lansium domesticum*), respectively, Including Other Scale Insects Affecting Other Plants in the Coconut Scale Insect (CSI) Outbreak Areas of Batangas, Cavite, Laguna and Quezon and Providing Measures To Manage Its Spread From Infested to Non Infested Areas**

WHEREAS, BPI Special Quarantine Order No. 1, Series of 2013 has been promulgated to address the infestation of CSI in outbreak areas of coconuts in some municipalities and cities of Batangas, Cavite, Laguna and Quezon;

WHEREAS, in the CSI outbreak areas some economically important crops such as mangosteen and lanzones have been likewise reported to be heavily infested by *Aspidiotus* spp. and *Unaspis* sp., respectively, with a combined infestation of around 526,408 trees;

WHEREAS, other crops such as banana, avocado, breadfruit, mango, sugarcane, many palm species, guava, papaya and other plants have been, in the absence of an official validated data, have been likewise reported to be probably infested by the abovementioned scale insect and/or other genera of scale insects;

WHEREAS, official measures should be adopted to check, control and manage the increase and spread of these injurious pests, and;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Plant Industry Plant Quarantine Service (BPI PQS) is tasked to implement and enforce the necessary measures to control and prevent the spread of these pests to non-infested areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CLARITO M. BARRON, pursuant to provisions of PD 1433 also known as the *Plant Quarantine Decree of 1978* and Executive Order No. 169, s. 2014 do hereby promulgate this special quarantine order as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of this Special Quarantine Order, it is formally declared that there is a severe infestation of *Aspidiotus* spp. and *Unaspis* sp. in mangosteen and lanzones including other plants that maybe affected by scale insects in the CSI outbreak areas of Batangas, Cavite, Laguna and Quezon.

SECTION 2. The movement, transfer, or carrying of plants, planting materials and any other parts of mangosteen, lanzones including other plants that may be affected from the declared municipalities and cities in the provinces of Batangas, Laguna, Cavite and Quezon or from other municipalities of the said provinces which may be infested hereafter to non-infested provinces, is hereby regulated subject to the provision of Sec. 4 of this Order.

SECTION 3. The movement, transfer, or carrying of plants, planting materials and any other parts of mangosteen and lanzones including other plants that may be affected from a municipality/ city declared infested or which may hereafter be declared infested, to another municipality/city whether declared infested or not in the same province, or to any municipality in the abovementioned provinces, is likewise regulated subject to the provision of Sec. 4 of this Order.

SECTION 4. However, the movement, transfer and carrying of plants, planting materials and any other parts of mangosteen and lanzones including other plants that may be affected shall be allowed by the BPI Director or his duly authorized representatives provided there is an on-site inspection by a Plant Quarantine Officer (PQO) and/or any BPI deputized personnel of the concerned DENR, PQS, Local Government Units (LGUs) and RFO. Such shipment must be accompanied by a Domestic Permit to Transport (BPI "Q" Form No. 12). The permit should be presented for verification purposes to the duly deputized plant quarantine inspectors in all checkpoints where the commodity shall pass.

SECTION 5. All movement, transport or carrying of commodities without a valid BPI Permit to Transport shall not be allowed. Some of the phytosanitary measures to be employed are as follows: return to origin, treatment (if applicable), confiscation or disposal. All expenses incurred in the conduct of any of these measures shall be borne by the owner. Non-compliance by the owner to any of these measures shall constitute a violation which shall result to the outright confiscation of the commodity.

SECTION 6. The personnel from the DENR, PCA, BPI, DA Regional Field Office (DA RFO) and LGUs including members of the police and military shall be deputized to implement and enforce the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 7. The BPI Director shall amend, repeal or revoke this Order upon notification by the concerned DA Regional Executive Director.

SECTION 8. The Director may, when necessary, call upon the support and assistance of other government agencies (military, civil, national or local) in the implementation of plant quarantine regulations and phytosanitary measures provided in this Order.


SECTION 9. All transportation companies operating by land, air and/or water; government and private shall cooperate with the BPI Director and/or the PQO in the

implementation of the provisions of this Order by not accepting or allowing shipments that do not have a Domestic Permit to Transport.

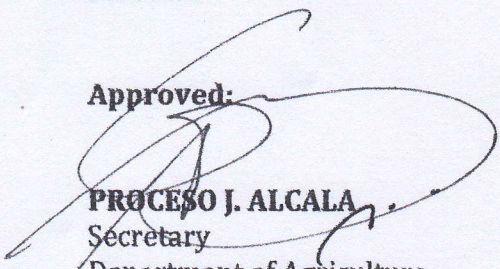
SECTION 10. Any orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with its provisions are hereby superseded and/or revoked accordingly.

SECTION 11. If any of the provisions of this Order shall be held invalid, the remainder shall be operative.

SECTION 12. This Special Quarantine Order shall take effect upon its approval and after appropriate publication.


CLARITO M. BARRON, PhD, CESO IV
Director

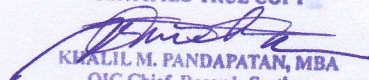
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