

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1  
Series of 1955

SUBJECT: Regulations Governing the Zonification of Abaca Area, Actual and Potential, and Prescribing Certain Restrictions and Other Measures for the Control of Abaca Mosaic Disease.

Pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 1176 known as the Abaca Zonification Law, the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

SEC. 1. For the purpose of this Administrative Order, the following terms as used herein shall be construed as follows:

(a) "Potential abaca area" shall mean any sizeable block of public land released after the promulgation of said Act by the Bureau of Forestry for agricultural purposes and suitable to the planting of, but not yet actually planted to abaca. In the zonification of potential abaca areas, the natural boundaries shall be availed of as much as possible.

(b) An "abaca area" shall mean any sizeable block of cultivated land already utilized for the growing of abaca to the extent of sixty per cent or more. The zonification of abaca areas into abaca zones and non-abaca zones shall be done on the basis of the degree of mosaic infection, as the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources upon the recommendation of the Director of Plant Industry shall determine.

(c) A "buffer zone" shall not be less than five hundred meters wide and, if located between a declared abaca zone and a non-abaca zone within areas planted to abaca, it shall be taken from the non-abaca zone.

SEC. 2. (a) A portion of the Davao Penal Colony, with an approximate area of six thousand four hundred eighteen hectares, twenty one ares and forty one centares (6,418,2141), planted to abaca, more particularly described as follows, is hereby designated as Zone No. 1:

A parcel of land as shown on the sketch plan of the proposed Abaca Zonification, Zone 1, situated in the Davao Penal Colony, Province of Davao, Bounded on the M., and S., by Public Land and property of Minda Plantation Company; and on the W., by Public Land. Beginning at a point marked "I" on plan, being identical to M.B.M. 18, Tagum Cad. 6276.

thence Due North 6,350.00 m. to point "2";  
thence following the Bank of Tuganay River in a  
easterly and southeasterly direction to point "3";

thence S. 1 deg. 10' E., 3,520.00 m. to point "4";  
thence S. 89 deg. 39' W., 13,000.00 m. to point "5";  
thence S. 5 deg. 08' W., 2,000.00 m. to point "6";  
thence N. 84 deg. 56' W., 1,300.00 m. to point "7";  
thence N. 0 deg. 18' W., 12,400.00 m. to point "8";  
thence N. 80 deg. 25' E., 1,500.00 m. to point of beginning; containing an approximate area of six thousand four hundred eighteen hectares, twenty one area and forty one centares (6,418.2141), more or less. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground; bearings true (all data are approximate).

(b) A considerable portion of the Tagum-Pagsabangan district comprising the holdings of Odell Plantation and Utley, Madaum, of Macario Bermudez and of the Mampising Agricultural School and adjoining areas of approximately 935 hectares, an abaca area, and 220 hectares of virgin forest suitable as "potential abaca zone" is hereby designated as Zone No. 2.

SEC. 3. A "buffer zone" of not less than five hundred meters wide between the declared abaca zones and non-abaca zones within the area planted with abaca shall be established and maintained in the above-designated Zones 1 and 2.

SEC. 4. Corn and abaca shall not be planted within the buffer zones in the declared Zones 1 and 2.

SEC. 5. It shall be duty of the owners of abaca plantations or their authorized representatives to report to the Director of Plant Industry or to any of his authorized representatives in the field any incidence of the mosaic disease in their plantations. Such report may also be made to the President or any other officer of a duly organized Abaca Mosaic Control Association; and shall be duty of the official or officer to whom such a report is made to make the necessary verification on the premises. If after thorough investigation, the report shall be found to be true, the Director of Plant Industry, his duly authorized representative, or the President or officer of the Abaca Mosaic Control Association shall take the necessary measures to check the spread of the disease by advising the abaca owners concerned to destroy completely the diseased plants by the use of chemicals and/or burning.

SEC. 6. A duly organized Abaca Mosaic Control Association in cooperation with the Bureau of Plant Industry, is empowered to enforce the provisions of Republic Act 1176 and all rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources pursuant thereto.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Abaca Mosaic Control Association, through its President or Secretary Treasurer, to make and submit at the end of each quarter, or whenever so required by the

Director of Plant Industry a report of its accomplishments and activities. Such report shall include an itemized statement of all expenses incurred by such association and all sums of money received by it from the Director of Plant Industry, taken from the Fiber Inspection Fee Fund.

SEC. 8. It shall also be the duty of the Abaca Mosaic Control Association, in cooperation with the authorized representatives of the Bureau of Plant Industry, to report all names of abaca planters whose plantations are infested with mosaic or who have violated and/or are violating any of the provisions of Republic Act No. 1176 or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

SEC. 9. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this administrative order, or if it shall be a corporation, firm, or association, its manager or president, shall, upon conviction, suffer the penalty provided in Section 10 of Republic Act No. 1176 which is a fine of not more than two hundred pesos or imprisonment of not more than six months, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 10. This Order shall take effect on July 1, 1955.

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