

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6.
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SUBJECT: Declaring the Coconut "Cadang-Cadang" of the Bicol Type a Dangerous Disease: Providing for its Control, and Placing Under Quarantine All the Provinces Where the Disease Already Exists.

WHEREAS, there exists in San Miguel Estate, San Miguel Island; Albay and different municipalities in said province; Camarines Norte; Camarines Sur, Sorsogon, and Catanduanes; the municipalities of Allen, Lavezares, Boboh, Catarman, Mondragon, Laoang, Palapag, Catubig, Capul and Guiwan, Samar; the municipalities of Cataingan and Dimasalang, Masbate; the municipalities of Guinayangan, Buenavista, San Narciso and Malanay, Quezon, and other parts of the Philippines a serious disease known as coconut "Cadang-Cadang" of the Bicol type threatening the destruction of the coconut industry;

WHEREAS, the coconut industry is one of the main sources of the national income of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, adequate measures must be immediately adopted to check the spread and effect the control of this dangerous disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, under authority conferred upon the undersigned by Section 1757 of Act No. 2711 known as the Revised Administrative Code, Section 24 of the Reorganization Plan No. 30-A, and Section 10 of Act No. 3027, entitled "An Act to Protect the Agricultural Industries of the Philippine Islands from Injurious Plant Pest and Diseases, etc"., the coconut "Cadang-Cadang" of the Bicol type, is hereby declared a dangerous disease of coconut, and the following regulations are promulgated to govern the removal or treatment of the affected parts of diseased trees and thus check the spread and effect the control of this disease:

1. For the purpose of this Administrative Order, all municipalities in the provinces of Albay, Catanduanes, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Sorsogon, the municipalities of Allen, Lavezares, Boboh, Catarman, Mondragon, Laoang, Palapag, Catubig, Capul and Guiwan, Samar; the municipalities of Cataingan and Dimasalang, Masbate; and the municipalities of Guinayangan, Buenavista, San Narciso, and Malanay, Quezon and other province where coconut "Cadang-Cadang" of the Bicol type is, or will be, known to exist shall be considered as formally declared affected with this disease.

2. Wherever the coconut "Cadang-Cadang" of the Bicol type is known to exist in any locality in the Philippines aside from the municipalities and provinces referred to in this order, the Director of Plant Industry shall send a written report to the Governor of the province concerned, either directly or through one of his authorized representatives, containing among other things, the names of the municipalities or barrios affected with the disease, and the names of the owners or persons in charge of the affected coconut plantations.

3. Upon being notified in accordance with the preceding paragraph, the Provincial Governor shall immediately inform in writing each Municipal Mayor concerned of the contents of the notification of the Director of Plant Industry. The Municipal Mayor shall then issue a general written notification of the inhabitants of the municipality and at the same time declare the municipality affected with the disease. Copies of the general notification shall be posted in at least six conspicuous places in the municipality and a certified copy of same sent to the Director of Plant Industry. Notice to this effect shall also be made in local dialects by means of public criers or "Bandidillos".

4. Once a municipality or portion thereof has been declared infected with the coconut "Cadang-Cadang" disease, it shall be the duty of the person who owns or has under his charge coconut trees within the affected areas to do the following:

(a) He shall treat the affected and healthy trees exposed to infection or the entire plantation with fungicides and/or insecticides; dispose of diseased trees that may only serve as source of infection in the manner and way as prescribed by the Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized representatives, and apply any other measure as advised by the authorities of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

(b) He shall cooperate with and help the Plant Inspectors and other officials of the Bureau of Plant Industry in their work of controlling the coconut "Cadang-Cadang" disease and comply with all the instructions, orders or requirements relative to the destruction or control of this disease such as the systematic destruction of badly diseased trees if found necessary.

5. In order to carry out the provisions of this Administrative Order, the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Director of Plant Industry or their duly authorized representatives, the Provincial Governor or his duly authorized representatives, and other officials connected with or taking part in the campaign of controlling this disease, shall at all times have access to or upon any premises, land, lot, backyard or plantations of coconut trees where the coconut "Cadang-Cadang" disease of the Bicol type is known or suspected to exist.

6. All DANREBA (employees of different bureaus under the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources in the province) officials shall cooperate with the Director of Plant Industry and his duly authorized representatives, the plant quarantine officers and plant pest and disease inspectors, in the enforcement of the provisions of this administrative order and shall stop the movement of all parts of the coconut trees including fresh and dried nuts.

7. All transportation companies, either land, water or air, and the Manila Railroad Station Masters shall cooperate with the Director of Plant Industry and his authorized representatives, the plant quarantine officers and plant pest and disease inspectors, in the strict enforcement of the provisions of this Administrative Order, by not allowing or accepting shipments of any part of the coconut plants, including fresh or dried nuts, coconut buds (ubod) capable of spreading the coconut cadang-cadang of the Bicol type from the quarantine areas or places affected with coconut cadang-cadang of the Bicol type to places where it is not yet known to exist.

8. Nothing in this Order shall be construed or interpreted as prohibiting the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Director of Plant Industry or their duly authorized representatives, from permitting or cutting down, taking away or removing in exceptional cases, in such manner or by such method or under such conditions as may be prescribed by him, such affected coconut trees thereof, in any or all the provinces mentioned above, or in those which may be declared affected thereafter, for the purpose of carrying out the objective of this Order.

9. Whenever a municipality, city, island or province has been officially declared affected with the coconut Cadang-Cadang disease in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Order, and in order to promptly prevent and thus effect the control of this disease, the provincial and city officials shall be required, pursuant to Section 12 of Act No. 3027, to assist and cooperate with the Director of Plant Industry in the strict enforcement of all Administrative Orders or instructions of the Director of Plant Industry relative to this disease.

10. The movement, transfer or carrying out the unhusked nuts, green or mature or of any other parts, including the coconut bud (ubod) of the coconut plant capable of spreading the disease or the insects that are liable to carry the disease, for propagation or consumption purposes or for any other purpose, from affected provinces or municipalities to non-affected areas, is strictly prohibited, except those being made by the Director of Plant Industry or his duly authorized representatives for study or scientific purposes.

11. Any person who contravenes or violates any of the provisions of this Administrative Order or who obstructs, impedes or assists in obstructing or impeding the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Director of Plant Industry or their duly authorized representatives, the Provincial Governor or his duly authorized representatives, City Mayors, Municipal Mayors or their duly authorized representatives, or any other officials or employees connected with or taking part in the campaign of preventing the spread of this disease, in the execution of any of the provisions of this Order, shall be liable to prosecution and upon conviction shall suffer the penalty provided for in Section 2746 of the Revised Administrative Code, which is a fine of not exceeding two hundred pesos or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

12. Any regulation or rule or any part thereof issued contrary to this order is hereby revoked.

13. This Administrative Order shall take effect on its approval.