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TO : ALL LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES

FROM :  **FAUSTINO G. DY III**
OC Governor 

SUBJECT: As Stated

Date : February 14, 2020

This is relative to Executive Order (EO) No. 07 -2020 dated 6 February 2020 Re: *"Directing All Local Government Units to Intensify the Monitoring and Regulating the Movement, Distribution and Sale of Swine, Pork and Processed Meat Products Within the Province Through Mandatory Establishment of Anti- ASF Checkpoint Between Municipal and City Boundaries and Known Ingresses and Egresses in the Province"*. Informations had reached this office that some LGU checkpoints are not allowing the passage of live swine and hogs in their area of responsibility even if pertinent and complete documents are presented for inspection.

To clarify this matter, please be informed that the said EO does not prohibit the transport of live hogs/ swine and meat products provided that conditions that are specifically enumerated in the EO are met. To reiterate, viz;

1. All processed meat products that do not contain pork as raw material/ ingredient such as corned beef, beef hotdogs, chicken nuggets, chicken hot dogs; other meat and similar items; should be allowed unrestricted movement and distribution in all parts of the province;

Upon demand, License To Operate and /or Certificate of Product Registration issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/ or Veterinary Health Certificate issued by the Provincial Veterinarian with handlers license issued by the DA to the manufacturer to be shown to quarantine/checkpoint authorities should suffice;

2. Swine, pork , and processed meat products that contain pork as ingredient either partially or fully, should be allowed to be distributed and sold in all cities/municipalities in the province, subject to the following conditions;
 - a. They are heat treated or fully cooked;

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- b. The heat treatment of these processed meat products shall be in accordance with the African Swine Fever (ASF) inactivation conditions set forth by the OIE (World Organization for Animal Health 2019 Terrestrial Animal Health Code) of 70 degrees Centigrade for at least 30 minutes.
 - c. Imported pork is generally used by meat processors. A certification by the manufacturer/ processors as to source/origin from a non-ASF (African Swine Flu) infected country supported by any acceptable document such as Veterinary Health Certificate of the exporting country and the SPS (Sanitary and Phyto Sanitary Permits) Import Permit issued by the Department of Agriculture (DA) should be presented;
 - d. a document issued by the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) authorizing its movement or use for production of processed meats should be presented;
 - e. For processed meat products using pork as material but do not undergo heat treatment or full cooking such as tocino, fresh longganisa, tapa and the like, a certification from the NMIS expressing the local origin of the pork material should be presented. When imported meat materials are used for these products, the permits and certifications mentioned in item (c) should be presented to ensure that source countries are free from ASF and are from sources approved by DA.
3. Shipping permit or Veterinary Health Certificate issued by the Municipal/City Veterinarian or Municipal/ City Agriculturist shall be presented to designated Animal Quarantine/ ASF Inter- Municipality/City Checkpoints;
 4. Shipments of swine, pork and meat products with incomplete requirements will not be allowed entry and movement at all times.

These guidelines must be complied so that that the dealer or owner of this livestock can be allowed movement from the place of origin, passing through municipalities/cities, to their intended destination. *However, no movement coming in or getting out shall be allowed on those areas identified by Department of Agriculture (DA) with highly contagious cases of swine diseases.* In this circumstance, this areas must be avoided and disallowed to transport hogs/swine, pork and processed meat outside their boundaries so as to contain the disease.

Please take note that the only prohibitive condition in the order is when the dealer or owner of the swine/hogs have incomplete documents and addendum to that effect is where the DA declared as contaminated with swine disease, then that is the time they will not be allowed passage at all times.

We admire your vigilance and the immediate action you had shown towards this directive, this memorandum does not intend to relax your inspection but it seeks to explain that we are NOT imposing a total ban or a lockdown on hogs and swine sourced within our province provided they have a complete documentation and are not coming from the affected areas identified by DA. No other requirements shall be added or ordered contrary to the foregoing must be issued by component LGUs. We must also protect these multi- million industry and support the preventive strategy we are implementing against ASF so that this type of business will not be disrupted and threaten our food source and our general economy as well.

Please be guided accordingly.