

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. _46

DECLARING A TOTAL BAN ON THE ENTRY OF SWINE AND ALL FRESH, FROZEN, AND PROCESSED PORK PRODUCTS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AND DIRECTING ALL LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES IN SUPPORT OF THE BAN, AND THE ISABELA PROVINCIAL POLICE OFFICE (IPPO) AND THE PROVINCIAL TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH CHECKPOINTS IN ALL INGRESSES AND EGGRESSES IN THE PROVINCE

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to promote a just and fair environment for trade and other economic activities, and provide effective mechanisms or measures to promote the well-being of its citizens, their livelihood, and the economy, in general;

WHEREAS, following the reported incidents of hog mortality in certain areas in the Philippines and cases of African Swine Flu in some Asian, European, and African countries, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 25-A on 26 August 2019, creating a Task Force to establish monitoring and quarantine of livestock for the control and prevention of "African Swine Fever" in Isabela;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture recently confirmed that the highly-infectious African Swine Fever caused the death of pigs in at least seven villages near Manila and most recent news reports have placed the number of pigs culled in the Luzon provinces of Rizal and Bulacan have reached 7,400, with more provinces such as Pangasinan reporting similar cases;

WHEREAS, Isabela hosts some of the biggest hog-raisers in the country and more aggressive measures need to be implemented to prevent the infection from reaching local farms and disrupting economic activity in the province;

WHEREAS, Section 465 of Republic Act 7160 which is known as the Local Government Code of 1991 empowers the Local Chief Executive to carry out measures for the faithful and appropriate enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances;

Now therefore, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Order declaring a total ban on the entry of swine, and fresh, frozen, and processed pork products in the province of Isabela and directing all local chief executives to implement measures in support of the ban, and the Isabela Provincial Police Office (IPPO) and the Provincial Task Force to establish checkpoints in all ingresses and eggresses in the province.

Further, the IPPO and Task Force are directed to ensure the application of all laws, ordinances, and other issuances in the implementation of this Order.

All issuances, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 1st day of October , 2019 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.

RODOLFO T. ALBANO III

Governor

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