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Office of the Governor

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DIRECTING ALL LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND PUNONG BARANGAYS IN THE PROVINCE TO IMPLEMENT CONTROL MEASURES ON THE SPREAD OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) BASED ON THE ASF CONTINGENCY PLAN SET FORTH BY THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

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, Section 3(b) of Republic Act No. 3639 mandates the Department of Agriculture through the Bureau of Animal Industry, to control and eradicate dangerous communicable diseases of domestic animals;

WHEREAS, African Swine Fever (ASF) is a highly contagious and fatal disease affecting domestic and wild pigs caused by a resistant virus with no known cure up to now, despite having no effect on humans but can cause major production and economic losses to a country;

WHEREAS, following the reported incidents of growing hog mortality brought about by resurgence of ASF in certain areas in the province, the Governor issued Executive Order no. 29- 2020 to respond to the urgent need for a stricter measures to cope with the sudden reoccurrence of ASF infections in the province;

WHEREAS, the current ASF outbreak will have disastrous effects on the province's swine industry if no drastic disease control and preventive measures will be implemented by local authorities;

WHEREAS, to address the current outbreak, to control and prevent similar events from recurring, there is a necessity to oversee and implement effective and coordinated policies and strategies to manage, contain and control the spread of ASF in the province of Isabela;

WHEREAS, Section 465 in relation to Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 also 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 the following order: Directing all Local Chief Executives and Punong Barangays in the province to implement control measures on the spread of African Swine Fever (ASF) based on the ASF contingency plan set forth by the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Further, in order to control/eradicate the ASF in the municipalities/cities and all barangays in the province, the following measures set forth by the Bureau of Animal Industry must be strictly implemented;

1. Surveillance for early detection

Technician of the Municipal/City Agriculture Office, City/Municipal Veterinary Office and Barangay Officials shall conduct an active surveillance for unusual pig mortalities and shall immediately report the same to the office of the Municipal/ City Agriculturist or Municipal/ City Veterinarian who shall conduct an investigation and request for blood sampling for laboratory testing from the Provincial Veterinary Office/ Department of Agriculture.

2. For Barangays with suspected ASF infection

- a. Suspected premises shall be quarantined. No pig, pork, pork products or feeds should be allowed to get out of the piggery to prevent contamination of other piggeries. Likewise no pig should be allowed to get into the suspected premise to prevent being infected.
- b. Sick animals in suspected premises shall not be allowed to be slaughtered.
- c. Dead pig should be buried properly and shall not be thrown to bodies of water, rivers, and creeks or irrigation canals.
- d. Suspected premises shall be disinfected daily to include other surrounding piggeries.
- e. The barangay with suspected ASF case shall also be put under quarantine by establishing barangay check points.

3. For Barangays with positive ASF case

- a. All pigs positive of ASF and potentially infected with ASF in the identified culling area within the one (1) km radius from the infected premises shall be stamped-out (culled). The extent of the culling area will be identified by the representative of the Provincial Veterinary Office, City/Municipal Veterinary Office or the City/Municipal Agriculturist in the absence of the latter.
- b. Culled pigs shall be disposed of properly by burying in a safe place deep enough to provide at least six (6) feet covering.
- c. To prevent the spread of the disease, the barangay with positive case of ASF shall be put under strict quarantine.
- d. After culling, the infected and potentially infected premise must be disinfected daily for 30 days to kill the virus which is very resistant in the environment outside the host.
- e. No restocking of piggeries shall be made unless the barangay is declared cleared of ASF.

4. For barangays without suspected or positive case of ASF

All barangays without suspected or positive case of ASF shall likewise establish checkpoints dubbed as “*BANTAY ASF*” to monitor and regulate entry of pigs, pork and pork based processed meat from suspected and positive barangays and exit of sick animals.

5. Information education campaign

Information campaign in all levels shall be conducted to educate the public especially the raisers on the nature of the disease, control measures and biosecurity.


Furthermore, all LGUs shall submit to the office of the Provincial Veterinarian monthly reports regarding the directives contained herein for summary and submission to the Office of the Governor.

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

If any part or provision of this Executive Order is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected shall remain in force.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 7th day of September, 2020 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.


RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor 