



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 04
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AN ORDER LIFTING THE BAN ON ENTRY AND SALE OF SWINE, FRESH AND FROZEN PORK AND PROCESSED PORK PRODUCTS THEREBY ALLOWING THE UNRESTRICTED MOVEMENT, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF THE SAME IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA PROVIDED THAT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE THROUGH THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY ARE COMPLETE AND PRESENT.

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 to prevent the entry of African Swine Flu (ASF) in the province, Executive Order No. 46 Series of 2019 dated 01 October 2019 was issued by the Governor, *“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 (LCEs) 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 egresses in the province”*;

WHEREAS, subsequent qualification covered by Executive Order Nos. 50-2019 and 55-2019 was issued by the Governor to regulate and allow the movement, distribution and sale of swine, and fresh, frozen, and processed pork products in the province of Isabela pursuant to the Department of Agriculture Guidelines and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular directing Local Government Units (LGUs) not to allow unwanted disruption of trade and commerce across the country and to allow distribution and sale of processed meat products that contain pork as ingredient in all provinces subject to certain conditions;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 22 was issued by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte Re: Directing All Government Agencies and Local Government Units to Strictly Implement and Comply with the *“National Zoning and Movement Plan for African Swine Fever”* under Department of Agriculture Administrative Circular No. 12 S. 2019;

WHEREAS, DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2021-006 dated 18 January 2021 was issued, advising all Local Chief Executives to review their Executive Orders, and align their objectives without delay to *Resolution No. 14 dated March 20, 2020 issued by IATF-MEID Re: Resolution Relative to the Management of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) particularly Section C and Presidential Administrative Order No. 22*;

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WHEREAS, as a result of the ASF infection that massively hit the province affecting the swine industry, prices of swine, pork and processed meat products had gone-up as supply had become limited/scarce, therefore, the implementation of a moderate and economically feasible protocols is necessary to allow unimpeded entry of swine, pork and meat products at the same time to control the escalation of ASF cases in the province;

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, "Lifting the ban on entry and sale of swine, fresh and frozen pork and processed pork products thereby allowing the unrestricted movement, distribution of the same in the province of Isabela provided that **ALL** necessary documents required by the Department of Agriculture through the Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI) are complete and present" subject to inspection by the Provincial Veterinary Office;

FURTHER, entry and transport of pork and processed meat products in the province shall now be allowed provided the following conditions set forth by DA-BAI must be complied accordingly:

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 (LTO) and /or Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) 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 designated animal quarantine checkpoint authorities should suffice;

2. Swine, pork , and processed meat products that contain pork as ingredient either partially or fully, shall 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;
 - 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 secured;

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- d. A document issued by the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) authorizing its movement or use for production of processed meats should be acquired;
 - 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 those approved by the Department of Agriculture.
3. For local or inter- municipal/city movement of products, Shipping Permit or Veterinary Health Certificate issued by the Municipal/City Veterinarian or Municipal/ City Agriculturist shall be presented to designated Animal Quarantine Checkpoints;
 4. Shipments of swine, pork and meat products with incomplete requirements will not be allowed entry and movement.

FURTHERMORE, the Isabela Police Provincial Office 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.

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 26th day of January, 2021 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.


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