



Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 24th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON FEBRUARY 17, 2020.

PRESENT:

DELFINITO EMMANUEL L. ALBANO	Acting Vice Governor & Presiding Officer
EDWARD S. ISIDRO	Member (5 th District) & Floor Leader Protempore
EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES	Member (1 st District)
ED CHRISTIAN S. GO	Member (2 nd District)
EDGAR R. CAPUCHINO	Member (2 nd District)
RAMON JUAN N. REYES, JR.	Member (3 rd District)
RANDOLPH JOSEPH P. ARREOLA	Member (3 rd District)
CLIFFORD R. RASPADO	Member (4 th District)
ABEGAIL V. SABLE	Member (4 th District)
FAUSTINO U. DY IV	Member (5 th District)
ALFREDO V. ALILI	Member (6 th District)
MARCO PAOLO A. MERIS	Member (6 th District)
ANTONIO S. HUI	Member, PCL Federation President
DANTE G. HALAMAN	Member, LnB Federation President
DAX PAOLO C. BINAG	Member, SK Federation President
ADRIAN PHILIP S. BAYSAC	Member, Agricultural /Industrial Workers Labor Sector Representative
VENUS T. BAUTISTA	Member, Women's Sectoral Representative
GRETCHEN F. VALDEZ	Member, Indigenous Cultural Communities Sector Representative

EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, local government units are mandated to exercise expressed and incidental powers necessary to promote the general welfare of its people;

WHEREAS, the Province of Isabela is home to a significant number of individuals who are reliant on the business of poultry and livestock raising and meat dealing for their income and livelihood;

WHEREAS, pork and livestock meat are staples in the Province's local cuisine and an integral part of the Isabeleno's diet;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the Provincial Government of Isabela to establish regulations for the shipment, handling, processing, sale, and disposal of poultry and livestock animals, meat, and by-products to prevent the entry and spread of any animal disease transmissible to man or an inter-specie epidemic in the Province which can endanger not only the Province's economy, but also its food supply and public health;

WHEREFORE, the enactment of this Ordinance is earnestly sought.

Nagkaisa para sa Isabela

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-06-1
SERIES OF 2020**

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SHIPMENT, HANDLING, PROCESSING, SALE, AND DISPOSAL OF POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK ANIMALS, MEAT, AND BY-PRODUCTS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA, PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION THEREOF, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsor: HON. EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. ANES
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in a Session assembled that:

Section 1. PURPOSE. This Ordinance serves:

- a) To regulate the shipment, handling, processing, sale, and disposal of poultry and livestock animals, and poultry animal and livestock animal meat and by-products in the Province of Isabela;
- b) To establish definite and firm measures to guarantee the safety of the Province's borders from the entry and spread of animal-borne diseases that may endanger its food and health security; and
- c) To ensure the cooperation and commitment of government officials in the Province of Isabela in its pursuit to promote the public health and safety of its constituents.

Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

- a) By-product – processed meat of butchered livestock and poultry animals.
- b) Dealing – the buying or selling of poultry or livestock animal, meat, their carcass or portion thereof.
- c) Diseases – an animal disease transmittable to man or an inter-specie epidemic.
- d) Handling – the storage of poultry and livestock animals, meat, or by-product for their processing, shipment, sale, or disposal.
- e) Livestock – pigs and cows.
- f) Meat – unprocessed meat of butchered livestock and poultry animals
- g) Poultry – chickens, ducks, and turkeys.
- h) Processing – the act or series of acts of turning poultry and livestock animals to meat or by-products.

Section 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- a) No poultry or livestock animal, meat, their carcass or any portion thereof, or by-product identified to be positive of a disease shall allowed for entry in the Province, nor shall it be allowed for shipment, handling, or dealing in the Province.
- b) No poultry or livestock animal, meat, their carcass or any portion thereof, or by-product identified to have originated from a Barangay or within its one-kilometer radius, Province, Country, or any other area with confirmed cases

of a disease shall be allowed for shipment, handling, or dealing in the Province.

- c) All poultry or livestock animal, meat, their carcass or any portion thereof, or by-product found to be positive of a disease shall be disposed in accordance with pertinent laws and regulations on disposal of disease-contaminated animals or items.

Section 4. INTRA-PROVINCIAL SHIPMENT REGULATIONS. The following procedures shall be observed in the transportation of poultry and livestock animals, their meat, and by-products to the Province of Isabela coming from other Provinces:

- a) Live poultry and livestock animals may be shipped in the Province of Isabela, provided that upon inspection the shipper possesses all the necessary health, sanitary, and inspection permit or certificate duly issued by proper government authorities indicating that such animals are certified to be apparently healthy upon inspection and free from any contagious disease.
- b) All shipments of poultry and livestock meat and by-products must be accompanied by a valid meat inspection Certificate or shipping permit provided that they come from National Meat Inspection System (NMIS)-accredited meat processors or dressing plants. The shipper must have a meat handler's license issued by the NMIS or the Local Government Unit (LGU) where the business address of the shipper is located.

Section 5. SHIPMENT REGULATIONS WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA. The following procedures shall be observed in the shipment of poultry and livestock animals, their meat and by-products, coming from within the Province of Isabela:

- a) Live poultry and livestock animals raised within the Province may be shipped, handled, processed or dealt within the Province, provided that the poultry and livestock raiser has secured a Barangay Certificate stated in Section 9 hereof, and an Inspection Permit from the City or Municipal Veterinarian, or in his absence the City or Municipal Agriculturist.
- b) Poultry and livestock meat or their by-products may be sold for public consumption in the Province of Isabela provided that they have been butchered, handled, or processed in establishments possessing a Barangay Certificate as stated in Section 8 hereof, and a Sanitary Permit from the City or Municipal Veterinarian, or in the absence thereof, the City or Municipal Health Officer.

Section 6. ANTE-MORTEM INSPECTION OF POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK ANIMALS ON THE DAY OF SLAUGHTER.

- a) This Section shall be effective upon declaration of the Provincial Governor, with concurrence of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, of the presence or threat of a disease in the Province of Isabela, which shall be lifted through the same manner by which it was declared.

- b) For poultry and livestock animals originating from within the Province, the following procedures shall be observed:

b.1. Upon the duly concurred declaration stated in the previous Section, an ante-mortem inspection shall be made to all locally-raised poultry and livestock animals.

It shall be the responsibility of the shipper, raiser, or handler to ask the physical presence of a city or municipal veterinarian, or his duly authorized representative for the conduct of an ante-mortem inspection.

b.2. If the animal or animals are found to be safe from a disease, the City or Municipal Veterinarian shall issue an Inspection Permit certifying that such animals are safe upon inspection and is uncontaminated of a disease, provided it complies with Section 3(b) and Section 5 hereof.

b.3. Any live poultry or livestock believed to be infected by a disease within the public premises of any shipper or handler in his stockyard or farm shall be segregated and further tests shall be made immediately thereafter.

b.3.1) If found to be positive of a disease, the place where the animals originated and its surrounding area within a one-kilometer radius shall be immediately quarantined, and any and all poultry and livestock animals, meat and by-products from such area shall be banned from any shipment, transport, sale, or consumption within or outside the affected territory.

b.3.2.) The vehicle used for shipment, transport, processing, or handling of the poultry and livestock animals shall be quarantined and shall not be further utilized until the same is profiled and sanitized by proper authorities.

b.3.3.) Contaminated poultry and livestock animals, meat, and by-products shall be disposed in accordance with relevant health laws and sanitary procedures.

- c) For live poultry and livestock animals originating from outside the Province, the same shall be surrendered to proper authorities and no handling, processing, or dealing thereof shall be allowed.

Section 7. POST MORTEM INSPECTION

- a) This Section shall be effective upon declaration of the Provincial Governor, with concurrence of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, of the presence or threat of livestock or poultry disease in the Province of Isabela, which shall be lifted through the same manner by which it was declared.
- b) All poultry and livestock meat, their carcasses or portions thereof in the Province which did not undergo ante mortem inspection prior to their

slaughter shall undergo post mortem inspection to be conducted by the city or municipal veterinarian, or his duly authorized representative.

- c) All post-mortem inspections shall be validated by an Inspection Permit from the City or Municipal Veterinarian, or his duly authorized representative.
- d) For poultry and livestock animals originating from within the Province, the following procedures shall be observed:

- d.1.) Poultry and livestock meat, carcasses or portions thereof which yielded negative results of a disease shall be allowed for handling, processing, shipment, or dealing in the Province provided it complies with Section 3(b), and Section 5 hereof.

- d.2.) If it is determined upon inspection that the poultry and livestock meat or carcass may be infected of a disease, such and the premises or the vehicle containing the same shall undergo further inspection.

- d.2.1. If it is determined by the inspector that the poultry and livestock meat, their carcass or portions thereof are negative of a disease, the same shall be allowed for transport, shipment, selling, buying or dealing within or outside the Province, provided it complies with Section 3(b) and Section 5 hereof.

- d.2.2 If it is determined by the city or municipal veterinarian, or his duly authorized representative that the meat, carcasses or portions thereof are positive of disease, the same shall be disposed in accordance with Section 3(c) hereof.

- d.2.2.1.) The inspectors shall determine the area to which the meat or carcasses originated and shall promptly notify proper authorities of pertinent information that it may obtain.

- d.4.2.2.) The premises to which the meat, carcass or portions thereof are processed or handled shall be quarantined and shall not be allowed to further operate as a slaughter house, processing house or plant, or handling facility until such time that the same has been lifted by the LGU concerned or pursuant to a Court Order.

- d.4.2.3.) The vehicle used for shipment, transport, processing, or handling of the poultry and livestock meat or carcass shall be quarantined and shall not be further utilized until the same is profiled and sanitized by proper authorities.

- e) Poultry and livestock meat, carcasses or portions thereof, or by-products originating from outside the Province shall not be allowed for entry in the Province and no shipment, handling, processing, or dealing thereof shall be allowed.

SECTION 8. SELECTIVE DECLARATION. The Provincial Governor, by reason of food shortage or any reason he may deem proper, may lift the ban with concurrence of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, as stated in Section 6 and 7 hereof, on any Province or Country identified by the National Government to be safe and uncontaminated with a disease.

In such manner, only poultry and livestock meat or by-product shall be allowed for shipment and dealing within the Province provided it complies with Section 4 hereof. Accordingly, no live poultry and livestock animal shall be shipped, processed, or handled in the Province within the duration of the ban.

Section 9. BARANGAY GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY.

- a) All Barangay Government Unit shall keep track and record all persons or entities in the business of raising, shipping, handling, processing, or dealing poultry and livestock animals, meat, or by-products in their territorial jurisdictions.
- b) All Barangay Chairmen in the Province of Isabela are hereby mandated to conduct a preliminary assessment of all poultry and livestock farms or slaughterhouse, and all poultry and livestock meat and by-product buyer, seller, handler, or distributor, within their territorial jurisdiction.

Prior to the inspection, the Barangay Chairman may call the assistance of the City or Municipal Veterinarian, or his authorized representative, to provide necessary and appropriate technical assistance.

b.1.) To this effect, all poultry and livestock raisers; slaughterhouses, processing plants, and handling facilities; and in the business of selling, buying, and dealing their meat or by-products shall secure a Barangay Certificate certifying their activity or endeavor. This Certificate shall be issued by the Barangay Chairman within three (3) days from the date of the inspection.

b.2.) All Barangay Chairmen is further mandated to submit a written report to their Municipal or City Mayor, within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of preliminary inspection, any preliminary findings that:

b.2.1.) The poultry or livestock animals or meat may be infected with a disease transmissible to man; or

b.2.2.) The poultry or livestock animals or meat may be infected with an intra-species epidemic.

Section 10. PET INSPECTION. All local government units shall conduct a monthly inspection, or at any time at their discretion, on establishments engaged in the business of selling domesticated birds or fowls in their jurisdictions. It shall be the duty of the owner of such establishment to inform such officials, of any shipment of birds or fowls coming from areas outside the Province.

Section 11. ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES. The Provincial Information Office and the Provincial Veterinary Office, with the assistance of offices or agencies, public or private, which it may deem necessary and appropriate, shall conduct an information and dissemination campaign about the proper shipment, processing, sale, handling, and disposal of poultry and livestock animals and by-products, pursuant to this Ordinance and other pertinent legislations, and presidential and national departmental orders.

Section 12. CREATION OF A SPECIAL TASK FORCE. There is hereby created the Isabela Poultry and Livestock Regulation Task Force composed of the:

- a. Provincial Governor, as Chairperson; and
- b. Vice Governor, as Co-Chairperson;

And the following as Members:

- c. Agricultural Sector Representative to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
- d. Philippine Councilors' League Representative to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
- e. Liga ng mga Barangay Representative to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
- f. Sangguniang Panlalawigan Chairperson on the Committee of Trade and Industry;
- g. Sangguniang Panlalawigan Chairperson on the Committee on Health and Sanitation;
- h. Sangguniang Panlalawigan Chairperson on the Committee on Market and Slaughterhouse
- i. Provincial Veterinarian;
- j. Provincial Health Officer;
- k. Provincial Safety Officer;
- l. Provincial Information Officer;
- m. Department of Agriculture Representative;
- n. Department of Trade and Industry Representative;
- o. Department of Health Representative; and
- p. Other Members as the Committee may deem appropriate and necessary.

The Isabela Poultry and Livestock Regulation Task Force is empowered to formulate and prescribe policies for the furtherance and implementation of this Ordinance.

Section 13. OFFENSES AND PENALTIES.

- a) Any person found to be knowingly shipping, handling, processing, or dealing poultry and livestock meat contaminated with a disease shall be punished by a penalty of three months, or a fine of three thousand, or both.
- b) Any person found to be giving or offering to give, directly or indirectly, any money, gift or reward or anything of value to any officer charged with duties under this Ordinance for any undue advantage under this Ordinance shall be punished by imprisonment of five months or a fine of five thousand pesos or both.

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SHIPMENT, HANDLING, PROCESSING, SALE, AND DISPOSAL OF POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK ANIMALS, MEAT, AND BY-PRODUCTS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA, PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION THEREOF, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

- c) Public officials charged with duties under this Ordinance found to have provided any person or entity with advantage over the regulations under this Ordinance shall be penalized with a suspension of six (6) months to dismissal from service, without prejudice to the filing of criminal and civil charges against them.

SECTION 14. FUNDING. The Provincial Government of Isabela shall utilize such amount as may be necessary, appropriate, and permissible in the Annual Appropriations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE. All local ordinances and legislations, local executive orders and similar official pronouncements inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any of the provisions of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.


SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after compliance with posting and publication requirements set forth by law.

Approved and Enacted, February 17, 2020.


**I HEREBY ATTEST TO THE CORRECTNESS AND
AUTHENTICITY of the foregoing Ordinance:**


ATTY. FRANCIS JAMES E. MEER
Secretary, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED:


DELFINO EMMANUEL L. ALBANO
Acting Vice Governor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


FAUSTINO G. DY III
Acting Provincial Governor