



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2019-044

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PRESCRIBING SYSTEMS AND PROTOCOL IN THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

WHEREAS, in view of diligent efforts to prevent the entry and spread of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the country, food safety regulatory agencies, such as the Food and Drug Administration and the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Animal Industry, issued advisories to inform the public of the temporary ban on the importation, distribution and sale of raw and processed pork products from ASF-infected countries such as Hungary, Belgium, Mongolia, China, Romania, Laos, North Korea, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Vietnam, South Africa, Germany, Zambia, Myanmar, Latvia, Poland, Russia, Czech Republic and Moldova;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture confirmed the presence of ASF virus in the provinces of Rizal and Bulacan while pig deaths were reported in Marikina and Quezon cities;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to prevent the entry of ASF virus into Naga City and the rest of the Bicol Region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NELSON S. LEGACION, Mayor of the City of Naga, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. TOTAL BAN. There is hereby imposed a total ban on the entry to Naga City of hogs and pork-related products from the Provinces of Rizal and Bulacan as well as from other areas declared by the DA-BAI with ASF outbreaks.

Live hogs and pork-related products from non-ASF infected parts of the country shall be allowed entry to Naga City only if covered by original copies of shipping permits and veterinary health certificates issued by licensed veterinarians from their places of origin.

SECTION 2. HOLDING OF ANIMALS. All animals brought to the Naga City Abattoir shall be queued for slaughtering within the day of delivery or early morning of the following day. No animal shall be stocked at the abattoir compound, either in its holding pens or in parked delivery vehicles, for slaughter beyond the early morning hours following the day of delivery.



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SECTION 3. RESPONSE DURING OUTBREAK. In the event that there is a pronouncement made by the DA-BAI or by the City Veterinary Office that Naga City is within the infected zone (1 kilometer radius) of the quarantine protocol as identified by said government institutions, the Naga City Abattoir shall automatically stop operations and no animal shall be accepted therein for slaughter nor any animal, alive or slaughtered, shall be allowed to leave its premises.

If the city is within the quarantine zone (7 kilometer radius) of the quarantine protocol as identified by DA-BAI, healthy animals can be slaughtered and issued with meat inspection certificates but the same shall be distributed only within the 7-kilometer quarantine zone of the quarantine protocol.

If the city is outside the infected and quarantine zones (10 kilometer radius) of the quarantine protocol, health animals can be slaughtered and issued with meat inspection certificates and can be distributed as long as they are accompanied with shipping permits.

SECTION 4. QUARANTINE CONTROL MEASURES. A hold order or stop movement issuance may be imposed on a specific area or premises upon strong suspicion of the presence of ASF. Infected premises and dangerous contact premises shall then be immediately quarantined. Vehicles and other equipment shall be disinfected before leaving. Utmost diligence and care shall be exercised to ensure that no live pigs or pig meats will be smuggled out of the infected zones. To ensure that the infection will not spread, pig markets and the Naga City Abattoir shall be closed.

SECTION 5. ROUTINE MONITORING OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS IN BUS TERMINAL. All meat and meat products in carton, styropor boxes, or other containers, upon arrival or when they are about to be shipped, shall be subject to inspection.

SECTION 6. SHIPPING BACK AND CONFISCATION. Carriers of live hogs or pork-related products without necessary permits shall be refused entry to Naga City and shall be advised to ship back their goods to its origin. In case of refusal, the same shall be subject to confiscation and shall be disposed by burying them deep enough that they will not pose any threat to the environment and to the people, in accordance with relevant laws, rules and regulations. The vehicle used for the transportation of the hogs or meat products shall be disinfected at cost to the carrier.

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SECTION 7. PROHIBITION ON ISSUANCE OF PRE-SIGNED VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE. All animal must be inspected personally by a licensed veterinarian prior to issuance of a veterinary health certificate declaring that said animal is apparently healthy at the time of inspection. Issuance of pre-signed Veterinary Health Certificate is strictly prohibited.

SECTION 8. CLEANING AND DISINFECTION. The management of the Naga City Abattoir shall be responsible for the regular cleaning and disinfection of its premises. It shall provide ample supply of cleaning materials, cleaning and disinfecting agents and protective personal equipment. It shall also allocate an area for the cleaning and disinfection of livestock transport vehicles before the same leave its premises.

The Naga City Abattoir shall also erect billboards in strategic areas, especially before the gate of its facility and in conspicuous places of its premises, showing its schedule of slaughter activities, the time of arrival and acceptance of animals for slaughter, the time of slaughter, the procedures on cleaning and disinfection, and other relevant information.

SECTION 9. MASS DEPOPULATION. In the event of ASF outbreak, mass depopulation shall be carried within the zones identified by the DA-BAI or NMIS as quickly and humanely as possible.

SECTION 10. ESTABLISHMENT OF CHECKPOINTS. When warranted by the gravity of ASF outbreak in nearby provinces or when requested by the DA-BAI or NMIS, checkpoints shall be established at entry points to Naga City to ensure that only properly documented animals and meat products are allowed entry to the city. The checkpoint shall be manned by a composite team coming from the Naga City PNP, the City Veterinary Office, Public Safety Office and representatives from the DA-BAI or the NMIS regional office.

SECTION 11. PROHIBITION ON DISTRIBUTION AND SELLING OF SWILL. In order to avoid any potential source of virus, restaurants, hotels and other food establishments are hereby prohibited to distribute, give away or sell left overs.

SECTION 11. ASF TASK FORCE. To constantly monitor updates on and effectively act on possible contingencies, a task force is hereby constituted, with the following composition:

Chairperson: Atty. Nelson S. Legacion, City Mayor



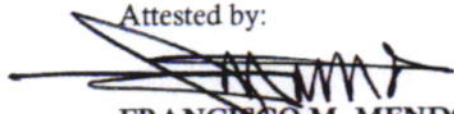
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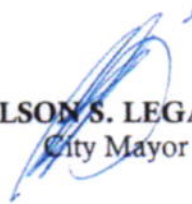


Co-Chairperson: Dr. Junios J. Elad Jr., City Veterinarian
Members: Dr. Vito C. Borja II, City Health Officer
Ms. Maria Edna B. Bongalonta, City Agriculturist
Mr. Renne F. Gumba, Public Safety Officer
Mr. Roberto G. Acabado, City Abattoir Manager
PSSupt Felix N Servita Jr, City Police Director
Secretariat: Mr. Jaime A. Halcon, City Veterinary Office
Mr. Tristan E. Javier, City Veterinary Office

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.

Issued this 17th day of September, Two Thousand Nineteen in the City of Naga, Philippines.

Attested by:

FRANCISCO M. MENDOZA
Acting City Administrator


NELSON S. LEGACION
City Mayor