



ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE BANTAY AFRICAN SWINE FEVER SA BARANGAY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, African Swine Fever (ASF), a high impact transboundary animal disease (TAD), continues to affect the swine production sector of the Philippines with no vaccine and no known cure to date, resulting to industry estimate of 36% reduction of national swine inventory and severely affecting the country's agriculture and economy;

WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 7, Series of 2021, provides for the implementing guidelines of the “Bantay ASF sa Barangay Program” in order to intensify the government’s response against ASF;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Naga understands that the success of any effort to prevent the spread of AFS lies on strong collaboration of all stakeholders;

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. ADOPTION OF BANTAY AFRICAN SWINE FEVER SA BARANGAY PROGRAM. The Bantay African Swine Fever sa Barangay Program (BABay ASF Program), as laid down under DA Administrative Order No. 7, series of 2021, is hereby adopted by the City Government of Naga.

SECTION 2. AFRICAN SWINE FEVER TASK FORCE. An African Swine Fever (ASF) Task Force is hereby created in the City of Naga to implement the Bantay ASF sa Barangay “BABay ASF” Program, with the following composition:

Chairperson
Co-Chairperson

Dr. Junios J. Elad Jr. (City Veterinarian)
Maria Edna B. Bongalonta (City Agriculturist)

Members:

Roberto G. Acabado
Engr. Alexander Caning
Ernesto Elcamel
Renne F. Gumba
Dr. Vito C. Borja II
Allen Reondanga
Wilfredo B. Prilles
PCol Marlon Catan
Dr. Marilee P. Lingua
Benedict Sean Aurellano

City District Abattoir Manager
City Environment and Natural Resources Officer
City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer
Public Safety Officer
City Health Officer
City Events, Protocol and Public Information Officer
City Planning and Development Officer
Naga City Police Director
Representative, City Veterinary Office
Private Sector Representative



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SECTION 3. TECHNICAL SUPPORT TEAMS. The following are designated as regular members of the Technical Support Teams who will be responsible for the preservation and protection of the swine industry in Naga City:

Rapid Action Team

Dr. Junios J. Elad	City Veterinary Office
Renne F. Gumba	Public Safety Office
Ernesto Elcamil	City Disaster and Risk Reduction Management
Office	
PCol Marlon Catan	Naga City Police Office

Surveillance Team

Dr. Marilee P. Lingua	City Veterinary Office
Maria Edna B. Bongalonta	City Agriculture Office
Engr. Alexander Caning	City Environment and Natural Resources Office
Renne F. Gumba	Public Safety Office

Census and Quarantine Team

Froilan Navarro	City Veterinary Office
May Sato	City Agriculture Office
Wilfredo B. Prilles	City Planning and Development Office
Hon. Antonio B. Beltran	Liga ng mga Barangay

IEC Team

Jaime Halcon Jr.	City Veterinary Office
Roberto G. Acabado	City Abattoir
Maria Edna B. Bongalonta	City Agriculture Office
Allen Reondanga	City Events, Protocol and Public Information Office

SECTION 4. ROLES AND FUNCTIONS. The aforesaid technical support teams shall carry out the following duties:

Rapid Action Team -conducts immediate diagnosis of suspect premises and initiates and implements the stamping out procedures.

Surveillance Team - conducts regular surveillance and profiling of swine diseases in the identified priority areas.

Quarantine Team- imposes quarantine measures to avoid further spread of AFS



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Census Team - conducts periodic identification and consolidation of data swine population, location and other necessary information

IEC Team -ensures adequate awareness of the general public on matters related to African Swine Fever.

SECTION 5. REGISTRATION AND DEPUTIZATION OF BIOSECURITY OFFICERS. Resident Veterinarians or Veterinary Consultants are herein recognized as Veterinary Biosecurity Officers (VetBO) upon their registration and deputization by the City Veterinary Office.

Community/Village-Based Animal Technicians (CBAT), Barangay Animal Health Workers (BAHW), para-veterinary workers, Barangay Livestock Aide (BALA), volunteer veterinarians who are not resident of Naga City or consulting veterinarian of any farm, or any person assigned/endorsed by the city may act as Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBOs) to perform the duties and responsibilities concomitant to such assignment/endorsement.

To fast track the implementation of this provision, the City Veterinary Office is hereby mandated to oversee the efficient implementation of this provision and to issue a Biosecurity Officer Code to all concerned.

SECTION 6. DISEASE INVESTIGATION. The City ASF Task Force, in coordination with the Provincial ASF Task Force (PATF) and Regional ASF Task Force (RATF), shall act quickly on reported cases of ASF by conducting thorough disease investigation and sample collection.

Blood/organ samples to be collected for disease investigation shall come from 30 randomly selected animals preferably exhibiting clinical signs consistent with that of ASF, if the population is greater than 30. If the population is less than 30, samples shall be collected from all pigs in the farm.

A disease investigation activity shall be conducted in accordance with the protocol set in Annex 2 of the DA AO 7, series of 2021

SECTION 7. SURVEILLANCE. Surveillance shall be done in accordance to Section 3.3 of the DA AO No. 7 Series of 2021. Furthermore, a detailed protocol on surveillance within the 1 km quarantine area from the ASF infected premise, as stipulated in Annex 3 of the said DA AO, shall be observed.

SECTION 8. ISSUANCE OF WEEKLY NEGATIVE DISEASE MONITORING REPORT & HOG TRANSPORT PASS. Weekly Negative Disease Monitoring Report and Hog Transport Pass shall be conducted in accordance with the following:



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Weekly Negative Disease Monitoring

- a. Commercial/Semi-commercial Farm/Paiwi – VetBOs and BBOs (as approved by CVO) shall conduct disease monitoring and biosecurity evaluation and submit reports to the CVO.
- b. Small hold farms – BBOs shall conduct disease monitoring and biosecurity evaluation and submit reports to the CVO. Community sampling may also apply following the guidelines in the community testing and sample collection in Annex 4 of DA AO 7 Series of 2021.
- c. Weekly disease monitoring report may be submitted through online and/or on-site depending on the discretion of the implementing CVO.
- d. Biosecurity Officers shall report immediately to CVO any farm with animals showing clinical signs suggestive of ASF infection for corresponding actions, such as surveillance and disease investigations.

Hog Transport Pass

- a. Issuance of Hog Transport Pass shall be in accordance with Annex 6 of DA AO No. 7 Series of 2021.
- b. No hog traders and livestock transport carriers shall be allowed to transact business without the Hog Transport Pass (HTP) which shall be a requirement before issuance of Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC).
- c. All livestock transport carriers are required to comply with the biosecurity measures, such as cleaning and disinfection, as may be imposed by the authorities.
- d. Any violation by the hog traders and other logistical support providers shall immediately render his/her HTP revoked.
- e. An updated list of traders with duly-issued hog transport pass shall be submitted regularly to the DARFO and the BAI.

SECTION 9. AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. An awareness campaign shall be conducted to ensure all aspects relevant to BABay ASF will be cascaded and disseminated to the farmers and other stakeholders.

Engagement of relevant national agencies, including the Department of Agriculture (DA) Communications Group, Agriculture and Fisheries Information Division (AFID), Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Information Sections (RAFIS), and Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), shall be solicited.

The campaign shall focus on ensuring that biosecurity protocols are duly observed by the farmers, discouraging the use of swill as feed for hogs and bringing farmers to register in the Farmers Registry developed for livestock farmers.

SECTION 10. RECOVERY AND REPOPULATION. The City Veterinary Office shall guide farms in proper cleaning and disinfection. CVO shall also conduct farm inspection to assess compliance with cleaning and proper disinfection procedures.

The complete guidelines and procedures for the recovery and repopulation is presented in Annex 8 of DA AO No. 7 Series of 2021.



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SECTION 11. DECLARATION OF ASF FREE STATUS. There are two levels of Declaration of ASF Free Status of an area previously infected with ASF.

The first level is the City Local Declaration of ASF Free Status for city with certain barangay/s which have been previously infected with ASF and will be declared ASF Free area by the Provincial ASF Task Force.

The second level is the National Declaration of ASF Free Status for the whole Province to be declared by the Bureau of Animal Industry. All infected barangays of the city must be locally declared ASF Free area prior to application to be declared ASF Free on a national level.

The ASF Task Force shall provide measures to obtain the aforesaid two-level declarations.

SECTION 12. PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS. The ASF Task Force shall bring forth action against any person or entity found to have committed violations or prohibited Acts under this Executive Order and/or DA AO 7 Series of 2021.

SECTION 13. FUNDING. Budgetary allocation for the implementation of this Executive Order shall be sourced against General Fund, especially under the Local Disaster Fund and the annual budget of the City Veterinary Office.

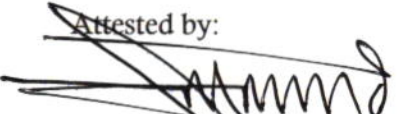
Section 14. EFFECTIVITY. This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until expressly revoked.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 5th day of August, Two Thousand and Twenty One in the City of Naga, Philippines.


NELSON S. LEGACION
City Mayor

Attested by:


FRANCISCO M. MENDOZA
Acting City Administrator