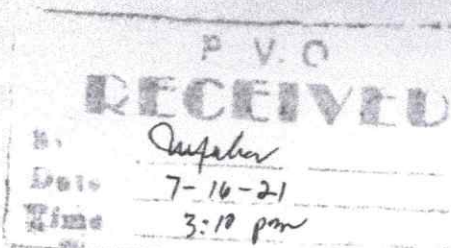




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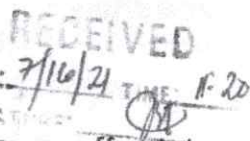


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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 028
 Series of 2021

PARTIAL LIFTING OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 021 SERIES OF 2021, DECLARING A TEMPORARY BAN ON THE ENTRY OF LIVE HOGS, PORK AND ALL PORK BY-PRODUCTS INTO THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES ALLOWING ONLY THE ENTRY OF PORK AND PORK PRODUCTS FROM OTHER PROVINCES TO THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES.



WHEREAS, the African Swine Fever (ASF), despite having no known effect to humans is a severe and highly contagious viral disease affecting domestic and wild pigs, with a case fatality rate of 100% caused by a virus with no developed cure to date;

WHEREAS, since first reported in the province in December 2020, African Swine Fever outbreak has caused a tremendous decline in swine population by 62% spread to 10 municipalities, 76 barangays affecting 446 farmers and 1,858 heads of affected and exposed swine were depopulated or culled aside from those that have died but not covered by depopulation protocol of the Department of Agriculture;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9296 or the Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines, declares it a policy of the State to prevent the entry of the disease carrying animals into meat establishment and ensure the safety and quality of imported meat and meat products through proper preservation, inspection and documentation for the purpose of protecting animal health and promoting the livestock industry;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of RA 8435, as amended, or the Agriculture and Fishery Modernization Act of 1997, adopts the principle of food security and provides that the state shall assure the availability, adequacy and accessibility of food supplies to all at all times;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act (RA) No. 10611 or the Food Safety Act of 2013, the State aims to protect the public from food-borne and water-borne illness and unsanitary, unwholesome, misbranded or adulterated foods;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 3639 declares the following acts as unlawful: (i) knowingly transporting domestic animals suffering from any dangerous communicable disease from one province or municipality to another (ii) removing any class of animals from infected localities when there is a declaration that a dangerous communicable disease prevails therein and when there is a danger of spreading such disease by transporting such class of animals outside the said locality. (iii) willfully importing animals, animal effects, parts or products from other country where a dangerous communicable animal disease prevails and (iv) violating lawful regulations or orders relating to the quarantine

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 9296, the Local Government Units shall regulate among others, meat inspection, meat transport and post-abbatoir control in accordance with the national policies, procedures, guidelines, rules and regulations and quality and safety standards as promulgated by the Department Agriculture (DA) Secretary;

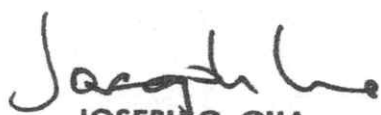
WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to address the adverse effect of ASF outbreak in the province, to start the rehabilitation of hog industry and to ensure the availability, adequacy and affordability of pork products, all for the purpose of attaining food security;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH C. CUA, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, and in my capacity as the Provincial Governor of the Province of Catanduanes and Chairman, Provincial African Swine Fever (ASF) Task Force, do hereby order to strictly implement and ensure compliance of this order:

1. Partial lifting of Executive Order No. 021 S. 2020 allowing only the entry of pork and pork products from other countries/ provinces/ cities/ municipalities, provided there is an accompanying **Certificate of Meat Inspection (COMI)** issued by the authorized representative of the National Meat Inspection Service and **Shipping Permit** issued by the authorized representative of the Bureau of Animal Industry-National Veterinary Quarantine Services (NVQS) or from the deputized Provincial/ City/ Municipal Veterinarian that said meat and meat products subject for shipment came from an area that has been declared as ASF-free by the authorities concerned;
2. There shall be a temporary ban on the entry of live pigs until after the province has been released from quarantine or released from red (infected) to pink (buffer) zone;
3. Any violation of the provision of this Executive Order shall be dealt with accordingly subject to the existing laws, rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Animal Industry/ National Veterinary Quarantine Services (NVQS), National Meat Inspection Services, Food and Drug Administration and related local ordinances.

This order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 12th day of July, 2021 at Virac, Catanduanes.



JOSEPH C. CUA
Provincial Governor

