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**ORDINANCE NO. 29
Series of 2021**

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING AFRICAN SWINE FEVER CONTROL AND PREVENTION PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING HOG REPOPULATION PROTOCOL IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN.

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WHEREAS, African Swine Fever (ASF), a high impact trans boundary animal disease with no vaccine and no known treatment to date, continues to exist in the Province, steadily affecting the hog economic sector resulting in the decrease in hog supply which consequently increased price commodity;

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WHEREAS, DA AO No. 06, Series of 2021 reiterates the demand for recovery, rehabilitation and repopulation of ASF-affected and non-ASF affected farmers, to be initiated at the soonest possible time, in order to stabilize the supply and prices of pork and pork products in the Province of Bataan;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture AO No. 07, Series of 2021, provided guidelines for the control and prevention of African Swine Fever thru strict implementation of farm biosecurity protocol, monitoring and early reporting of swine diseases and registration of hog farmers, hog traders and carrier vehicles;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Bataan (PGB) recognizes the impact of infected pork products and its by-products in the transmission of ASFV, which calls for a stricter regulation and monitoring of meat products sold in all platforms available;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 states that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Bataan, in a session assembled, that:

Section I. Short Title: This ordinance shall be known and cited as "An Ordinance Implementing African Swine Fever Control and Prevention Program and Establishing Hog Repopulation Protocol in the Province of Bataan.

Section II. Declaration of Policy: It is hereby declared as a policy that the Province of Bataan shall advance the public good and general welfare, and promote the interest of the community and the Province within the framework of sustainable and integrated development, and effective constructive engagement and people's meaningful participation in local governance.

Section III. Scope and Applicability: This Ordinance shall apply to all sectors, government and private, engaging in swine production, trading, processing, rendering and manufacturing of pork and its by-products within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Bataan.

Section IV. Definition of Terms: For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

1. **African Swine Fever (ASF)** – is a viral disease that affects all breeds of domestic and wild pigs in the country and has already caused grave production economic losses in Luzon and some parts of Visayas and Mindanao;

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2. **Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBO)** are Community/Village-Based Animal Technicians (CBAT), Barangay Animal Health Workers (BAHW), para-veterinary workers, Barangay Livestock Aide (BALA), volunteer veterinarians who are not resident or consulting veterinarian of any farm, or any person assigned by the city/municipality at the barangay shall also be known as Barangay Biosecurity Officers or BBOs who will be appointed, designated and registered as the frontliners of the BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY PROGRAM and shall have specific responsibilities indicated in this order;
3. **Biosecurity Level 1** refers to the level of farm biosecurity in compliance to the minimum standards set by the Philippine College of Swine Practitioners (PCSP);
4. **Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)** is the primary agency mandated to control animal diseases in the country;
5. **Community** is hereby defined in this program as a barangay or clustering of barangays;
6. **Consulting Veterinarians** refer to veterinarians employed in 300 sow-level farms and below as defined by the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 8485 or the Animal Welfare Act of 1998;
7. **Department of Agriculture (DA)** is the Executive Branch of the Philippine Government mandated to improve, upgrade and regulate the agricultural sector;
8. **Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office (DA RFO)** is the regional branch of the DA that facilitates and supervises the formulation and execution of policies, plans and programs of the Department in the respective regions;
9. **Hog Farms** are establishments holding domesticated live pigs of different ages and can be further classified into the following:
 - a. **Commercial Farm** refers to at least one of the following:
 - i. 100 sow level and above
 - ii. 501 fatteners and above
 - b. **Semi-commercial Farm** refers to at least one of the following:
 - i. Between 10-50 sow level
 - ii. Between 41 to 500 fatteners
 - c. **Small-hold Farm** is more commonly known as backyard farm, which refers to at least one of the following:

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- i. Less than 21 heads of adult and zero head of young (1-20 heads adult and zero young and below);
- ii. Less than 41 heads of young animals (1-40 heads young and below);
- iii. Less than 10 heads of adult and 22 heads of young (1-9 heads adult and 1-21 heads young and below).

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10. **Local Government Unit (LGU)** is an administrative and political government unit subsidiary to the national government which could itself consist of sub-units as in the case of a province or a municipality;

11. **Paiwi/Paalaga** pertains to the system of rearing animals in some areas in the Philippines whereby the care and management of few animals are delegated to individuals in a community;

12. **Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RADDL)** is a government laboratory under the DA Regional Field Office that provides services in support to animal health and production, regulatory research and surveillance in the region;

13. **Resident Veterinarians** refer to veterinarians employed in more than 300 sow-level farms as defined in the IRR of Republic Act 8485 or the Animal Welfare Act of 1998;

14. **Swill feeding** is the act of feeding food scraps or food waste that contains pig meat, or which has been in contact with pig meat;

15. **Test and Destroy** refers to the testing of swine population and when found positive for ASF are subject for rapid, deliberate humane killing and proper disposal;

16. **Veterinary Biosecurity Officers (VetBO)** are resident veterinarians or Veterinary Consultants who shall be recognized as Biosecurity Officers or VetBO. They shall be registered and deputized to act as such and perform the duties and responsibilities stated in this order.

Section V. Strengthening Biosecurity Implementation

A. Registration and Deputization of Biosecurity Officers

- 1. All Veterinary Biosecurity Officers (VetBO) and Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBO) shall be registered and deputized by the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO);
- 2. VetBOs shall apply directly to the PVO, while BBOs shall be assigned/endorsed by the MAO/MVO/CVO;
- 3. Biosecurity Officers shall undergo a one-day training with regards to their duties and responsibilities. The training shall also cover:

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- a. Farm and area biosecurity evaluation and assessment;
- b. Sample collection; and
- c. Weekly ASF negative monitoring report.

4. Biosecurity Officers shall perform the following duties:

- a. Conduct a weekly ASF negative monitoring of their assigned farms which shall be submitted to the MAO/MVO/CVO and then to the PVO;
- b. Conduct Farm Biosecurity Evaluation of their respective farms to be submitted to the MAO/MVO/CVO which shall also serve as a basis for concurrence of weekly ASF negative monitoring report;
- c. Identify and record coordinates of farms assigned to them;
- d. Report farms with animals showing clinical signs of ASF to the PVO/MAO/MVO/CVO, for immediate intervention including surveillance and disease investigation.

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B. Farm Biosecurity Evaluation

- 1. All hog farms shall comply with the biosecurity standards indicated in AO No. 7, Series of 2021;
- 2. Small-hold farms shall comply with standards required by Biosecurity Level 1, while semi-commercial and commercial farms shall comply with standards required by Biosecurity Level 2;
- 3. Compliance with biosecurity standards shall serve as a prerequisite for the issuance of Permit to Operate (PTO).

C. Total Ban on Swill Feeding

- 1. No hog farm, regardless of the capacity, shall practice swill feeding;
- 2. Canteens, restaurants, *carinderia*, resorts, and the like shall dispose their left-overs in accordance to the guidelines set by the PG-ENRO. No food scraps shall be distributed to hog raisers.

Section VI. Registry of Local Swine Industry

- 1. Hog raisers shall secure Permit to Operate from the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian prior to operation. Requirements for the issuance of the Permit to Operate are as follows:
 - a. Farm Profile;
 - b. Farm Biosecurity Evaluation;
 - c. Photocopy of Barangay Clearance;

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- d. A signed agreement between farm owner and assigned biosecurity officer regarding regular farm visitation and animal health monitoring;
- e. Adoption of Animal Health Monitoring Manual.
- 2. Commercial hog farms shall have the following additional requirements:
 - a. Photocopy of Compliance Certificate from PG-ENRO;
 - b. Photocopy of Mayor's Permit (previous year).
- 3. Hog traders shall secure Hog Trader's Pass from the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian, which shall have the following requirements:
 - a. Application Form;
 - b. 2x2 ID picture;
 - c. Picture of Vehicle (front, back, side).
- 4. Traders with transactions outside the Province of Bataan shall have the following additional requirements:
 - a. Handler's License issued by BAI;
 - b. Transport Carrier Accreditation (TCA) issued by BAI.
- 5. The Provincial Veterinary Office shall maintain a registry of local swine industry which including but not limited to hog raisers, meat vendors, meat processors, hog traders and feeds suppliers;
- 6. The Provincial Veterinary Office, in coordination with the Municipal Agriculture Office/Municipal Veterinary Office/City Veterinary Office shall maintain a masterlist of hog raisers registered to the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA).

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Section VII. Local Movement of Live Pigs, Pork, Pork Products and Pork By-Products.

- A. **Transport of Live Pigs for Slaughter.** The following requirements shall be presented prior to entry at any slaughterhouse within the jurisdiction of the Province of Bataan:
 - 1. Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC), issued by a duly licensed veterinarian and concurred by a government veterinarian, alongside Certificate of ASF-free Status (semi-commercial and commercial farms) and Backyard Inspection Report (small-hold farms);

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- 2. Hog Trader's Pass;
- 3. Shipping Permit (SP), signed by the Provincial Veterinarian from the place of origin.

B. Transport of Live Pigs for Breeding. The following requirements shall be presented prior to entry at any farm within the jurisdiction of the Province of Bataan:

- 1. Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC), issued by a duly licensed veterinarian and concurred by a government veterinarian, alongside Certificate of ASF-free Status;
- 2. Negative laboratory test results for diseases required by the Bureau of Animal Industry;
- 3. BAI Certificate of Laboratory Compliance, for private-owned laboratories;
- 4. Shipping Permit (SP), signed by the Provincial Veterinarian from the place of origin.

C. Transport of Locally-produced Pork Products and By-products. This shall cover shipment of fresh, raw and frozen products/by-products that were slaughtered locally. The following requirements shall be presented upon inspection in wet markets, flea markets, supermarket, meat stalls, meat shops and the like:

- 1. Meat Inspection Certificate (MIC) from the National Meat Inspection Services (NMIS).

D. Transport of Imported Pork and Pork By-Products. This shall cover all frozen meat imported from other countries. The following requirements shall be presented upon inspection in wet markets, flea markets, supermarket, meat stalls, meat shops and the like:

- 1. Certificate of Meat Inspection (COMI) from the National Meat Inspection Services (NMIS).

Section VIII. Regulation of Online Selling of Meat and Meat Products

The following guidelines are hereby enacted for the regulation of online selling of meat and other related products:

A. Registration of Online Meat Sellers

- 1. All online meat sellers shall secure license to operate from their respective Local Government Unit;
- 2. Requirements for the issuance of License to Operate are as follows:

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- a. Compliance Certificate from the Provincial Veterinary Office;
- b. Business Trade Name secured from the Department of Trade and Industry;
- c. Certificate of Seminar on Food Safety from the National Meat Inspection Service;
- d. Barangay Clearance.

B. Monitoring of Online Meat Sellers

- 1. Meat products sold online must be sourced from:
 - a. Locally Registered Meat Establishments;
 - b. NMIS Accredited Slaughterhouses;
 - c. DA Accredited Country Foreign Meat Establishment;
 - d. DA Accredited cold storage warehouse.
- 2. Meat products sold online shall comply with the requirements stipulated in Section 7 of this ordinance.

Section IX. Intensified Risk Assessment, Surveillance and Monitoring

A. Disease Investigation

- 1. The African Swine Fever Task Force shall be prompted to execute a thorough disease investigation upon any of the following conditions:
 - a. Report of death of swine within their jurisdiction;
 - b. Report or incidence of symptoms related to ASF;
 - c. Confirmed case as a result of disease investigation (contact tracing), surveillance or testing for local shipment.
- 2. Disease investigation shall be headed by the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian in coordination with MAO/MVO/CVO;
- 3. Protocols set by DA BAI shall be followed;
- 4. Positive laboratory result shall require the Test and Destroy Protocol.

B. Disease Surveillance

- 1. Disease surveillance shall be executed within 1 km radius from the ASF infected premise;
- 2. All small-hold and commercial farms within the quarantine area shall be identified;
- 3. The official list and mapped areas shall be submitted by the PVO within 2 days after confirmation of an ASF case;

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4. Surveillance sampling based on the current guidelines of DA BAI shall be implemented:
 - a. For Biosecurity Level 0 farms, include in depopulation;
 - b. For Biosecurity Level 1 farms, test and slaughter protocol shall be implemented;
 - c. For Biosecurity Level 2 farms, 30 samples shall be collected across all production ages. CFS ASF shall be issued to commercial farms tested negative for ASF.

5. The following sampling size shall be implemented:
 - a. All farms within the 500-meter radius shall be included in the surveillance;
 - b. All farms within the 501 meters to 1 km radius, ten percent (10%) of the total farm population shall be randomly selected where representative samples shall be taken. A total of 30 samples shall be collected from the selection.

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C. Disease Monitoring

1. Weekly monitoring reports for commercial farms shall be submitted to the PVO/MAO/MVO/CVO for concurrence;
2. Farm Biosecurity Evaluation Form shall be accomplished and submitted to the PVO/MAO/MVO/CVO which shall serve as a basis for concurrence of the weekly monitoring report.

Section X. Recovery and Repopulation

A. Upgrading from Red (Infected) Zone To Pink (Buffer) Zone:

1. There shall be no new ASF outbreak within the previously affected Barangays;
2. Farm owners must agree to strictly follow protocol for biosecurity repopulation and monitoring;
3. Cleaning and disinfection of infected premise shall be done within 30 days;
4. Downtime and Bioassay shall be conducted within 20 days:
 - a. Environmental swabs shall be collected on day 7 and day 14 after disinfection;
 - b. Two consecutive negative test results shall be required prior to introduction of sentinel animals.
5. Fecal samples from sentinel animals shall be collected on day 7 and day 21:

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- a. Blood samples shall be subjected immediately to RT-PCR if fecal samples tested positive;
- b. Blood samples shall be subjected to RT-PCR at day 40 if fecal samples tested negative.

- 6. All sentinel animals shall be disposed following the all in all out principle;
- 7. Repopulation will be allowed for farms located in the Pink (buffer) zone.

B. Restocking and Repopulation.

- 1. The farm must be repopulated with at most 50% of the farm capacity only for locally declared ASF-free barangay in a Red Zone municipality/city;
- 2. Full capacity of the farm population for LGUs can be granted if the LGU can be reclassified from Red to Pink Zone;
- 3. Negative result in screening test must be required from potential hog raisers;
- 4. The farm must accomplish all necessary local Business Permits and other necessary documentary requirements;
- 5. The farm must agree to regular farm visitation for animal health monitoring;
- 6. The farmer must be registered with the RSBA and his farm must be geotagged by the city/municipality which has territorial jurisdiction over the farm.

Section XI. Prohibited Acts

Any person or entity found to have perpetrated any of the following acts shall be deemed in violation of this Ordinance:

- 1. Tampering and falsification of documents such as but not limited to:
 - a. Veterinary Health Certificate;
 - b. Veterinary Shipping Permit;
 - c. Certificate of Free Status in ASF (CFS-ASF);
 - d. Laboratory Test Results for ASF;
 - e. Weekly Negative Disease Monitoring Report;
 - f. Biosecurity Evaluation Form.

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- 2. Concealment of information;
- 3. Removal of animals from quarantine area;
- 4. Movement of animals without necessary permits/documents;
- 5. Non-reporting or delay in reporting;
- 6. Swill feeding;
- 7. Interference/disobedience to persons in authority;
- 8. Refusal to farm inspection and conduct of surveillance;
- 9. Data privacy issues.

Section XII. Penalty Clause

Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance under Section XI shall be imposed a penalty as follows:

- a. First Offense : P 2,000.00;
- b. Second Offense : P 3,000.00;
- c. Third and Succeeding Offenses : P 4,000.00 and/or imprisonment of three (3) months upon discretion of the court.

If the offense is committed by a firm, partnership, corporation or other juridical entity duly organized in accordance with law, the chief executive officer, president, general manager or such other officer in charge be held liable. In addition, permits of swine producers who were found to have committed more than two-(2) offenses shall be revoked and shall summarily issued with Notice of Revocation of Permit to Operate and a Cease and Desist Order. The violator under these circumstances shall be allowed to operate and its permit shall be reinstated following compliance to the recommendations of the Local Government Unit without prejudice to the criminal prosecution for the violation of this ordinance when applicable. Any person, firm or corporation found directly or indirectly violating any provision of this ordinance, in addition to the penalties and sanctions prescribed herein, may be charged under applicable laws of the Philippines.

Section XIII. Repealing Clause. All previous ordinances, local laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section XIV. Separability Clause. If for any reason any part or provision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.


Section XV. Effectivity Clause. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval and due posting.


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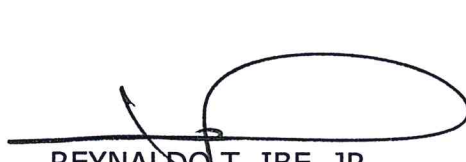
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