



## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-016**

**AN ORDER DECLARING QUARANTINE ZONE AND DEPOPULATION OF SWINE WITHIN FIVE HUNDRED (500) METER RADIUS FROM BARANGAY COTA NA DACO (GPS COORDINATES, LATITUDE: 12°55'34.19"N; LONGITUDE: 124° 7'9.52"E) AS PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR, AND CONTAIN THE SPREAD OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUBAT, SORSOGON, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office No. 5 confirmed the \*ASF Viral DNA Detected\* on the specimen collected from Barangay Cota na Daco, submitted by LGU-Gubat and tested by the Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RADDL).

**WHEREAS**, Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 22 series of 2020 recognized that depopulation has been successfully implemented and utilized as an effective disease control strategy in the National Foot and Mouth Eradication Programme of the Philippines as well as in the control of other diseases such as Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.

**WHEREAS**, DA AO 22 s.2020 pointed that at the onset of the Philippines ASF outbreak, the 1-7-10 protocol was conceptualized and introduced to manage, contain and control the spread of the disease.

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 (No. 2) of DA AO 22-2020 Progression of Depopulation for Infected Swine Categories states that for situations that warrant larger coverage, as determined by the Incident Command, nonselective depopulation of ASF -positive pigs and exposed pigs within the 500-meter radius should initially be done. The radius for depopulation is expanded depending on the outcome of surveillance and technical recommendation of the DA regional ASF Incident Command.







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**NOW THEREFORE, I, SHARON ROSE G. ESCOTO**, Municipal Mayor of Gubat, Sorsogon, by virtue of the power vested in me by the law, do hereby order and declare Quarantine Zone and Depopulation of all adult swine/hogs/pigs and piglets within Five Hundred (500) meter radius from Barangay Cota na Daco, Gubat with GPS Coordinates of **LATITUDE: 12°55'34.19"N; LONGITUDE: 124° 7'9.52"E**, as Preventive Measures for, and contain the spread of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the Municipality of Gubat, Sorsogon, effective immediately.

**SECTION 1. Definition of Terms.** As used in this Executive Order the following terms are hereby defined, viz:

- a. Quarantine Area/Zone – the area up to 500-meter radius from the infected backyard pigpen
- b. Depopulation - the rapid and deliberate killing of infected, potentially infected, or contact animals in an attempt to “stamp out” disease and prevent it from spreading to healthy population while employing prescribed means of humane culling according to the Animal Welfare Act.
- c. Non-selective (Ring) Depopulation – the rapid and deliberate killing of infected, potentially infected, or contact animals within the infected premises and Quarantine Area.

**SECTION 2. Checkpoint.** There shall be an established checkpoint in the following locations to prohibit entry and exit of swine to and from the red zone, which shall be manned by the Gubat Municipal Station and Barangay Tanod of affected barangays.

- a. El Mabuhay Gasoline Station
- b. Luna St. corner Hi-way 59, Luna Candol
- c. Junction Hi-way 59, Brgy. Beriran
- d. Panganiban-Ariman Boundary

**SECTION 3. Depopulation in Backyard Farms.** As per directive of DA AO 22 s.2020, Section 5, the depopulation shall be done in the following manners, viz:

- a) All Live pigs inside the backyard premises are to be stamped out.







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- b) The stamping-out should be completed in 5 days or less, regardless of the population.
- c) Disposal/burial should be preferably on-site. If due to space constraints burial is to be done off-site, the infected and exposed pigs should be transported to the burial site using appropriate vehicle with provision on preventing any spillage of virus-contaminated materials during transport.
- d) Trace-back any pig movement the premises for the last thirty (30) days. Monitor the health status of the pigs in these contact premises.
- e) This backyard farm should discontinue receiving any live pigs upon declaration of being an infected premise.

**SECTION 4. Scope of Area of Depopulation.** The 500-meter radius considered as Quarantine Zone/Area and covered by the depopulation of all live pigs to be expanded depending on the outcome of surveillance and technical recommendations of the DA Regional ASF Incident Command in the event an active case was identified during the post mortem and shall include the following, viz:

- a) Portion of Barangay Cota na Daco, Gubat, Sorsogon
- b) Portion of Barangay San Ignacio, Gubat, Sorsogon
- c) Portion of Barangay Cogon
- d) Portion of Barangay Balud del Norte
- e) Portion of Barangay Sta. Ana
- f) Portion of Barangay Beriran
- g) Portion of Barangay Manook

**SECTION 5. Financial Assistance.** The LGU of Gubat shall grant a minimum of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00) for 1-45 days old swine and minimum of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) for 46 days old and above swine per head per piggery owner as financial assistance, provided that certification is issued by the Office the Municipal Agriculturist. Maximum of twenty (20) heads per affected swine farmer shall be paid.

The Municipal Agriculture Office shall also assist the swine farmers to access the financial assistance to be provided by the Department of Agriculture and Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation.

**SECTION 6. Implementers.** The Office of the Municipal Agriculturist (OMAg) and the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) shall be the





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primary offices to implement the depopulation process. Provided, that the OMAg shall coordinate with the Regional Quick Response Team (RQRT) of the Department of Agriculture, Regional Field Office No. 5 for the necessary and required protocols in the conduct of the depopulation/culling.

The Municipal Police Station and AFP shall provide personnel to assist and provide security to the MAO and MDRRMO personnel and maintain peace and order during the depopulation.

**SECTION 7. Repealing Clause.** All orders issued and/or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause.** This Order shall take effect immediately upon signing hereof and remains effective and binding unless revoked, repealed or modified.

Done this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021 at Gubat, Sorsogon.

  
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