



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

**NDRRMC RESOLUTION NO. 04, s. 2021**

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE DECLARATION  
OF A STATE OF CALAMITY THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES  
DUE TO THE AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) OUTBREAK**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Republic Act 8435 provides that the state shall assure the availability, adequacy, accessibility, and affordability of food supplies at all times;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3(a) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10611 or the "Food Safety Act of 2013" provides that the State shall protect the public from food-borne and water-borne illnesses, and unsanitary, unwholesome, misbranded or adulterated food;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9296 or the "Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines," provides that it is a policy of the State to prevent the entry of disease-carrying animals into meat establishments 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(p) of Republic Act No. 10121 provides that it shall be the policy of the State to provide maximum care, assistance and services to individuals and families affected by disaster, implement emergency rehabilitation projects to lessen the impact of disaster, and facilitate resumption of normal social and economic activities;

**WHEREAS**, in August 2019, the country confirmed the first case of African Swine Fever (ASF) which is a severe and fatal disease of domestic and wild pigs with 100% mortality, responsible for serious production and economic losses globally, and is caused by a highly resistant virus with no known cure and no developed vaccine to date;

**WHEREAS**, ASF, since first reported in the country in the last quarter of 2019, has already spread to 12 Regions, 46 Provinces, 493 Cities and Municipalities and 2,571 Barangays to date;

**WHEREAS**, As of March 2021, ASF is responsible for the contraction of the country's swine population by about 3 million heads with more than Php100B in direct losses and losses of allied industries, leading to the spike of pork prices at the local market to as much as Php 400 per kilo;

necessary to prevent damage to or loss of life or property, or to restore vital public services, infrastructure facilities, and other public utilities;

4. Section 22 of Republic Act No. 10121, which provides that the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (NDRRM Fund) shall be utilized for relief, recovery, reconstruction, and other work or services in connection with natural or human-induced calamities; and

5. Section 22(c) of Republic Act No. 10121 and Section 5(b) of NDRRMC Memorandum Order No. 60, series of 2019, which provide that the Quick Response Fund (QRF) may be utilized for relief and recovery programs in order that situation and living conditions of people in communities or areas stricken by disasters, calamities, epidemics, or complex emergencies, may be normalized as quickly as possible;

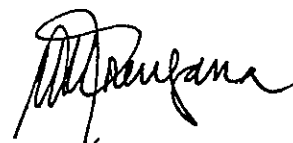
**WHEREAS**, Section 7 of Republic Act No. 7581, otherwise known as the Price Act, as amended by Republic Act No. 10623, which provides that the President, upon the recommendation of the implementing agency, or the Price Coordinating Council, may impose a price ceiling on any basic necessity or prime commodity if any of the following conditions so warrants:

- a. The impendency, existence, or effects of a calamity;
- b. The threat, existence, or effect of an emergency
- c. The prevalence or widespread acts of illegal price manipulation;
- d. The impendency, existence, or effect of any event that causes artificial and unreasonable increase in the price of the basic necessity or prime-commodity; and
- e. Whenever the prevailing price of any basic necessity or prime commodity has risen to unreasonable levels.

**WHEREAS**, in view of the foregoing, there is an indubitable necessity to employ drastic disease control and biosecurity measures to curtail and arrest the spread of ASF and jumpstart the rehabilitation of the Swine Industry while ensuring that supply of pork is adequate and affordable through the use of the emergency or remedial measures that may be employed upon the declaration of a state of calamity;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Council **RESOLVES** as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to recommend to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, the following:

- a. Declare a **State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a maximum period of one (1) year relative to the ASF outbreak**, unless earlier lifted;
- b. Enjoin all government agencies and local government units (LGUs) to render full assistance to and cooperation with each other, properly consult with the affected hog raisers, and mobilize the necessary



**WHEREAS**, the disease's continued spread has been discouraging local farmers to go back to hog production, further aggravating supply contraction;

**WHEREAS**, while ASF has already dealt a devastating impact to our hog industry, failure to control the spread of the disease in the country will greatly affect the animal industry and the national economy, posing an imminent threat to the availability, adequacy and affordability of food of the Filipino;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3(d) of NDRRMC Memorandum Order No. 60, series of 2019, provides that a State of Calamity may be declared when there is a widespread destruction of fishponds, crops, poultry and livestock, and other agricultural products;

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 of NDRRMC Memorandum Order No. 60, series of 2019, reiterated the remedial measures that may be implemented by concerned national agencies and LGUs to mitigate the effects of the disaster and stabilize the situation in the disaster-stricken area:

1. Section 6 (1) of Republic Act. No. 7581, otherwise known as the Price Act, as amended by Republic Act No. 10623, which provides that prices of basic necessities in an area shall automatically be frozen at their prevailing prices or placed under automatic price control whenever said area is proclaimed or declared a disaster area or under a state of calamity;

2. Section 17 of Republic Act No. 10121, which provides that a declaration of a state of calamity shall make mandatory the immediate implementation of the following remedial measures by the Member-Agencies of the Council:

a. Imposition of price ceiling on basic necessities and prime commodities by the President upon the recommendation of the implementing agency as provided for under Republic Act No. 7581, otherwise known as the Price Act, or the National Price Coordinating Council;

b. Monitoring, prevention, and control by the Local Price Coordination Council of overpricing/profitteering and hoarding of prime commodities, medicines and petroleum products;

c. Programming/reprogramming of funds for the repair and safety upgrading of public infrastructures and facilities; and

d. Granting of no-interest loans by government financing or lending institutions to the most affected section of the population through their cooperatives or people's organizations;

3. Section 53 of Republic Act No. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, which authorized the employment of negotiated procurement modalities, as applicable, subject to the conditions and requirements set forth therein, during a state of calamity, or when time is of the essence arising from natural or man-made calamities or other causes where immediate action is



resources to undertake critical, urgent, appropriate, and timely measures to curtail and arrest the spread of ASF, fill the supply deficit so as to reduce the price and ensure that the supply of pork is adequate and affordable, and to jumpstart the rehabilitation of the Swine Industry; and

- c. Enjoin LGUs to pass local ordinances that are in accordance or aligned with national guidelines.

Done this 20th day of April 2021 at the Department of National Defense, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.



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