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MANILA BULLETIN:

DOH backs budget proposal for dog vaccination as rabies cases plateau

BY MERLINA HERNANDO-MALIPOT

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The Department of Health (DOH) on Friday, Sept. 27, expressed support for vaccinating dogs and cats in the country amid rabies cases.



(DOH)

In a statement, DOH Secretary Teodoro J. Herbosa said rabies is 100 percent fatal “once symptoms appear,” but it is also 100 percent preventable through “timely vaccination of dogs and cats and prompt treatment of humans after exposure.”

“We cannot afford to be complacent with such a dangerous disease,” Herbosa said, expressing support for nationwide vaccination of dogs and cats.

Earlier this year, Department of Agriculture (DA) Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. stated that P110 million is needed to vaccinate around 22 million dogs and cats in the country.

DOH expressed support for the DA in its request for a “complete budget for dog and cat vaccination.”

Cases 'plateauing'

Meanwhile, DOH observed a “consistent number of rabies cases in the country,” showing a 20 percent decrease, with 12 cases reported from Aug. 18 to 31 compared to 15 cases from Aug. 4 to 17.

“However, cases may still vary with incoming reports,” DOH stated.

As of Sept. 14, DOH reported a total of 354 rabies cases nationwide.

This, DOH noted, represents a 23 percent increase compared to the 287 cases reported during the same period last year.

“All confirmed rabies cases are fatal,” DOH emphasized.

Moreover, the health department continues to urge the public to “remain vigilant and proactive” in preventing rabies transmission.

With the latest data, DOH noted that 10 regions—the National Capital Region (NCR), Ilocos Region, Cagayan Valley, Bicol Region, Central Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula, Northern Mindanao, Davao Region, and Soccsksargen—have shown an “increase in rabies cases” in the past month.

As it continues to monitor cases, DOH reiterated that rabies is “preventable” through timely vaccination of both pets and individuals who are exposed to the virus.

“Individuals bitten by animals should seek immediate medical attention and, if necessary, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to prevent rabies infection,” DOH said. “Vaccinating dogs and cats is the most effective way to stop rabies,” it added.

https://mb.com.ph/2024/9/27/doh-backs-budget-proposal#google_vignette

MANILA BULLETIN:

70 hogs intercepted at checkpoint culled after testing positive for ASF — DA

BY JEL SANTOS

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(DA-BAI PHOTO)

Seventy hogs intercepted at a checkpoint in Quezon City were condemned on Friday, Sept. 27, after testing positive for the deadly African Swine Fever (ASF), the Department of Agriculture (DA) announced.

The DA said the shipment of the hogs was intercepted during a checkpoint along Mindanao Avenue on Sept. 26.

The 70 hogs, the agency stated, have shown clear clinical signs of ASF. The laboratory test confirmed that the hogs were positive for the fatal disease.

DA Assistant Secretary for Swine and Poultry, Dr. Constanse Palabrica, underscored the significance of 24/7 checkpoints in curbing the spread of ASF between regions.

“This operation is crucial in stopping the 'ping pong' movement of the ASF virus between the northern and southern regions of the country,” he said in a statement.

Meanwhile, he called on legitimate traders to ensure that all their transport documents are valid and compliant with regulations.

“Let us work together to protect the animal industry and safeguard the livelihood of Filipino farmers,” he said.

Aside from pigs, the DA said chickens are also being checked to prevent the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).

Since the launch of these checkpoints in August 2024, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) have intercepted nearly 500 ASF-infected pigs across the country.

The DA said authorities also seized meat products bearing forged Certificates of Meat Inspection (COMI) and tampered manufacturing dates, all of which were immediately confiscated due to the health risks they posed to consumers.

Had these 500 infected pigs passed through the checkpoints, they could have reached key provinces like Ilocos, Pangasinan, Tarlac, Bulacan, and Cagayan, potentially escalating the ASF outbreak and posing a serious threat to public health, the agency added.

<https://mb.com.ph/2024/9/27/70-hogs-culled-asf-da>

THE PHILIPPINE STAR:

‘Enhanced law vs agriculture smuggling to boost revenue collection’

[Louise Maureen Simeon](#) - The Philippine Star

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Members of the Bureau of Customs' Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service, Philippine Coast Guard and the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group inspect sacks of suspected smuggled onions and garlic valued at P95 million in a cold storage facility in Catmon, Malabon in February 2023.

The STAR / Miguel de Guzman, file

MANILA, Philippines — The enhanced law versus agriculture smuggling may boost government's revenue collection, according to the Department of Finance (DOF).

In a statement, Finance Secretary Ralph Recto said the DOF and the Bureau of Customs (BOC) are ready to fully implement the recently enacted Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act aimed at ending rampant smuggling, cartels, profiteering and hoarding of agricultural products.

The law effectively expanded the coverage of illegal activities classified as acts of economic sabotage involving agricultural products not previously covered under the Anti-Agricultural Smuggling Act of 2016.

Under the law, the term agricultural products shall now cover livestock, aquatic products and tobacco.

“The new law gives more teeth to the government to relentlessly run after smugglers whose illegal activities undermine our farmers, fisherfolk and consumers,” Recto said.

“Through a stronger and stricter crackdown on these offenders, we protect our people’s access to affordable goods and boost our revenue collections, which will allow the government to provide more essential public services,” he said.

With the new law, perpetrators now face a penalty of life imprisonment and a fine of five times the value of agricultural and fishery products subject to the crime.

Further, it also empowers the BOC to conduct and implement the letter of authority to take action against corporations or entities involved in acts of economic sabotage. It also equips the BOC with clear parameters to identify and penalize unlawful practices.

As such, the BOC has implemented multiple strategies to bolster its efforts against agricultural smuggling.

This includes enhanced intelligence coordination, integration of technology for better border control and stringent enforcement and legal measures.

From January 2023 to August 2024, the BOC conducted 1,803 agricultural smuggling seizure operations with an estimated value of P3.7 billion.

<https://www.philstar.com/business/2024/09/28/2388412/enhanced-law-vs-agriculture-smuggling-boost-revenue-collection>

THE PHILIPPINE STAR:

British Chamber welcomes signing of anti-agricultural economic sabotage law

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The British Chamber of Commerce Philippines has welcomed the signing of the Republic Act No. 12022 or the Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act.

The measure has been consistently supported by the British Chamber as part of its priority agenda to manage inflationary pressures, ensure food supply and promote a competitive local agricultural sector.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. also noted during the signing that, "This law shapes a stronger, more resilient agricultural sector that defends both our farmers and our consumers. It also safeguards public health by preventing the consumption or industrial processing of agricultural products that lack the necessary sanitary and

phytosanitary permits. It ensures that what ends up on the tables of every Filipino family are safe and of the highest quality.”

The administration has also noted the significance of the sector to drive the country’s economic growth with the recently signed law mandating stringent punishments against smuggling, hoarding, profiteering and cartel, which is now classified as acts of economic sabotage. This also mandates a non-bailable offense punishable by life imprisonment and hefty fines depending on the goods involved.

The British Chamber has similarly supported the Executive Order No. 62, mandating extension of lowered tariffs of pork and other agricultural commodities until 2028 to help assist with food inflation.

In August 2024, headline inflation eased at 3.3% from 3.3% from 4.4% the previous month. Meanwhile, food inflation has also seen a decrease with 4.2% in August 2024 from 6.7% in July 2024.

BCCP Executive Director/Trustee Chris Nelson noted that, “We highly welcome its passage as this has been our key legislative priority. We hope to see significant growth in the overall supply in the agricultural sector and particularly, with the local producers and legitimate importers.”

The British Chamber has consistently worked with the UK Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) and recently held the Philippine-British Meat Trade Briefing & Reception on July 30, 2024 with the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Customs, and other agriculture stakeholders, noting the growing agricultural trade between the UK and the Philippines.

As reported by the AHDB, UK pork exports recorded an increase of 26% in volume from January to July 2024 and the Philippines has remained the second largest UK pork export market in Asia, next to China. With the growing UK pork exports to the Philippines, the British Chamber recognizes this as a testament of its commitment to integrate the UK’s best agricultural practices to maintain confidence and trust in the sector and promote a competitive economy.

<https://www.philstar.com/business/biz-memos/2024/09/27/2388459/british-chamber-welcomes-signing-anti-agricultural-economic-sabotage-law>

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER:

Quezon City checkpoint stops entry of ASF-infected hogs

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MANILA, Philippines — An animal quarantine checkpoint in Quezon City intercepted the entry of about 70 hogs that were later found to be infected with African Swine Fever (ASF), the Department of Agriculture (DA) said on Friday.

The agency's Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) confiscated the said hogs intercepted at the Mindanao Ave. checkpoint, according to Agriculture Assistant Secretary for Swine and Poultry Dr. Constante Palabrica.

“This operation is critical in stopping the ‘ping pong’ movement of the ASF virus between the northern and southern regions of the country,” Palabrica said in a statement. The shipment is scheduled for condemnation this Friday, according to the official.

Since August, Palabrica said the BAI has intercepted nearly 500 ASF-infected pigs nationwide. Provinces known for swine production, such as Ilocos, Pangasinan, Tarlac, Bulacan, and Cagayan, are under close monitoring to prevent the further spread of ASF. To prevent its spread, DA chief Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said the agency is targeting to [finish the procurement of 600,000 ASF vaccines by the end of the year.](#)

Once the ASF vaccines have been fully rolled out, the DA said it will focus on repopulating hogs to regain the previous record of 14 million heads, which decreased to 7.5 million based on the DA's latest estimates. —*Stefani Tacugue, INQUIRER.net trainee*

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1987717/quezon-city-checkpoint-stops-entry-of-asf-infected-hogs>

DOH: Rabies cases in PH rise to 23% in September 2024

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MANILA, Philippines — There has been a 23 percent rise in rabies cases since the beginning of this year until mid-September compared to the same period in 2023, according to the Department of Health (DOH).

As of September 14, the DOH recorded 354 rabies cases nationwide, topping last year's 287 reported cases.

With the latest data, ten regions, namely the National Capital Region (NCR), Ilocos Region, Cagayan Valley, Bicol Region, Central Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula, Northern Mindanao, Davao Region, and Soccsksargen have shown an increase in rabies cases in the past month.

With this, the DOH expressed its support for the Department of Agriculture's (DA) budget pitch for animal vaccination due to the country's consistent number of rabies cases.

“The DOH supports this call for additional [DA] budget allocation for the widespread animal vaccination program,” the DOH said in a statement.

In April, Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said his agency would request Congress at least P110 million in additional budget for next year to vaccinate 22 million dogs and cats to eradicate rabies in the country.

“Rabies is 100 percent fatal once symptoms appear, but it is also 100 percent preventable through timely vaccination of dogs and cats and prompt treatment of humans after exposure,” Health Secretary Teodoro J. Herbosa said.

“We cannot afford to be complacent with such a dangerous disease. DOH supports the DA in its request for a complete budget for dog and cat vaccination,” he added.

Under the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007, the DA's Bureau of Animal Industry is mandated to lead in controlling and eradicating animal and human rabies. The DOH also urged the public to remain vigilant and proactive in preventing rabies transmission. —*Emmanuel John Abris, INQUIRER.net intern*

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1987740/doh-rabies-cases-in-ph-rise-to-23-in-september-2024>

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER:

Authorities intercept 70 ASF-infected hogs

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[Philippine Daily Inquirer](#) / 05:10 AM September 28, 2024

MANILA, Philippines — Local authorities condemned a shipment of hogs seized at a checkpoint in Quezon City after it tested positive for African swine fever (ASF), the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) said on Friday.

The BAI said a shipment containing 70 hogs, intercepted at a checkpoint along Mindanao Avenue, showed clear clinical signs of ASF. They condemned the confiscated hogs as tests revealed that they tested positive for ASF. The BAI and the Philippine National Police have intercepted almost 500 ASF-infected pigs nationwide since creating checkpoints in August. Likewise, they flagged and seized meat products found with forged certificates of meat inspection and tampered manufacturing dates.

“These products, which pose significant health risk to consumers, were immediately confiscated,” it said. “Had the nearly 500 pigs made it past checkpoints, they could have reached key provinces such as Ilocos, Pangasinan, Tarlac, Bulacan and Cagayan, significantly worsening the ASF crisis and endangering public health,” it added.

Early this week, Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said the agency was targeting to complete the procurement of 600,000 doses of ASF vaccines by end-December. The Department of Agriculture had earmarked P350 million for the vaccination program: P300 million for the procurement of about 600,000 doses of Vietnamese-made ASF vaccines and P50 million for inoculation-related costs.

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1987794/authorities-intercept-70-sick-hogs>

REMATE:

Panukalang pondo para sa pagbabakuna ng mga aso, pusa kontra rabies suportado ng DOH

September 28, 2024 15:34



City officials on a vaccination drive in Tacloban, Leyte, Philippines. July 28, 2014.

MANILA, Philippines- Nagpahayag ng suporta ang Department of Health (DOH) para sa pagbabakuna sa mga alagang aso at pusa sa bansa sa gitna ng mga kaso ng rabies.

Sinabi ni DOH Secretary Teodoro J. Herbosa na ang rabies ay 100 porsyentong nakamamatay “kapag lumitaw ang mga sintomas,” ngunit ito rin ay 100 porsyentong maiiwasan sa pamamagitan ng napapanahong pagbabakuna sa mga aso at pusa at agarang paggamot sa mga tao pagkatapos ng pagkakalantad.

Nauna nang sinabi ni Department of Agriculture (DA) Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. na P110 milyon ang kailangan para bakunahan ang nasa 22 milyong aso at pusa sa bansa.

Nagpahayag ng suporta ang DOH sa DA at sa kanilang kahilingan na kumpletuhin ang pondo para sa pagbabakuna sa aso at pusa.

Samantala, naobserbahan ng DOH ang pare-parehong bilang ng mga kaso ng rabies sa bansa, na nagpapakita ng pagbaba ng 20 porsyento, na may 12 kaso na naiulat mula Agosto 18 hanggang 31 kumpara sa 15 kaso mula Agosto 4 hanggang 17.

Gayunman, maaaring mag-iba pa rin ang mga kaso sa mga papasok na ulat, base sa DOH.

Noong Setyembre 14, iniulat ng DOH ang kabuuang 354 kaso ng rabies sa buong bansa.

Ito, ayon sa DOH, ay kumakatawan sa 23 porsyentong pagtaas kumpara sa 287 na mga kaso na naiulat sa parehong panahon noong nakaraang taon.

Bukod dito, hinimok ng DOH ang publiko na patuloy na maging mapagmatyag at proactive upang maiwasan ang rabies transmission.

Sa pinakahuling datos, binanggit ng DOH na 10 rehiyon—ang National Capital Region (NCR), Ilocos Region, Cagayan Valley, Bicol Region, Central Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula, Northern Mindanao, Davao Region, at Soccsksargen—ang nagpakita ng pagtaas ng kaso ng rabies sa nakaraang buwan.

Habang patuloy na sinusubaybayan ang mga kaso, muling iginiit ng DOH na ang rabies ay “maiiwasan” sa pamamagitan ng napapanahong pagbabakuna sa parehong mga alagang hayop at indibidwal na nalantad sa virus. **Jocelyn Tabangcura-Domenden**

<https://remate.ph/panukalang-pondo-para-sa-pagbabakuna-ng-mga-aso-pusa-kontra-rabies-suportado-ng-doh/>

REMATE:

Mas mabigat na parusa vs agricultural economic saboteurs, batas na

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MANILA, Philippines – Tuluyan nang naisabatas ang pagpataw ng mas mabigay na parusa sa sinumang sangkot sa agricultural economic saboteurs tulad ng smuggler, profiteers, hoarders at kartel ng produktong pang-agrikultura at pangisdaan, ayon kay Senador Cynthia Villar.

Sa isang seremonya sa Malacanang nitong Setyembre 26, iniulat ni Villar na nilagdaan ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. ang Republic Act No.12022 o ang Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act.

Kasamang dumalo ang ilang senador at congressmen kabilang ang ilang opisyal ng Department of Agriculture, at agricultural private groups.

Nakasaad sa batas ang mga krimen ng pagsasabotahe sa ekonomiya ng agrikultura bilang anumang gawain o aktibidad na nakakagambala sa ekonomiya sa pamamagitan ng paglikha ng artipisyal na kakulangan, pagtataguyod ng labis na pag-aangkat, pagmamanipula ng presyo at suplay, pag-iwas sa pagbabayad o hindi pagbabayad ng mga taripa at tungkulin sa customs, pagbabanta sa lokal na produksyon at seguridad sa pagkain, pagkakaroon ng labis na labis na kita sa pamamagitan ng pagsasamantala sa sitwasyon, paglikha ng kakapusan, at pagpasok sa kasunduan na tinatalo ang patas na kompetisyon sa pagtatangi ng publiko.

Sinabi ni Villar, chairperson ng Committee on Agriculture, Food, and Agrarian Reform at sponsor ng panukala sa Senado, na kailangan ng matinding parusa para mapigilan ang smuggling at mapang-abusong market practices na

nagbabanta sa kapakanan ng mga agricultural producers at kapakanan ng mga consumer, at ang ekonomiya sa kabuuan.

Sa ilalim ng batas, ang parusang habambuhay na pagkakakulong at multa ng tatlong beses ang halaga ng mga produktong agrikultural at palaisdaan na subject ng krimen ay ipapataw sa sinumang tao na gagawa ng agricultural smuggling, agricultural hoarding, agricultural profiteering at pakikisangkot sa cartel.

Binuo ng RA 12022 ang Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Council, ang Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Enforcement Group, at ang special team ng prosecutors na siyang magsusuri ng mga ebidensya, kumilos sa mga reklamong kriminal, magsisimula at magsagawa ng paunang pagsisiyasat, at pagsasampa at pag-usig ng naaangkop na mga kasong kriminal laban sa taong gumawa ng mga ipinagbabawal na gawain sa ilalim ng batas nasabing batas.

“With these in place, we will have a watchdog in the agricultural sector to ensure that whoever manipulates the price of agricultural commodities to the detriment of the small farmers and consumers, will be brought to justice accordingly,” dagdag pa ni Villar. *Ernie Reyes*

<https://remate.ph/mas-mabigat-na-parusa-vs-agricultural-economic-saboteurs-batas-na/>

REMATE:

70 baboy na naharang sa QC, positibo sa ASF

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MANILA, Philippines – Naharang ng animal quarantine checkpoint sa Quezon City ang pagpasok ng 70 baboy na kalaunan ay napag-alamang positibo sa African Swine Fever (ASF), sinabi ng Department of Agriculture (DA) nitong Biyernes, Setyembre 27.

Kinumpiska ng Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) ang mga baboy sa checkpoint sa Mindanao Avenue, ayon kay Agriculture Assistant Secretary for Swine and Poultry Dr. Constante Palabrica.

“This operation is critical in stopping the ‘ping pong’ movement of the ASF virus between the northern and southern regions of the country,” saad pa sa pahayag ni Palabrica. Mula Agosto ay naharang na ng BAI ang nasa 500 ASF-infected pigs sa buong bansa. *RNT/JGC*

<https://remate.ph/70-baboy-na-naharang-sa-qc-positibo-sa-asf/>

REMATE:

Agri damage kay Ferdie, P1.09B na!

September 28, 2024 08:39



MANILA, Philippines – Umakyat na sa P1.09 bilyon ang halaga ng pinsala sa agrikultura dahil sa pananalasa ng bagyong Ferdie at pinalakas na Southwest Monsoon o Habagat.

Sa bulletin, sinabi ng Department of Agriculture (DA) na pumalo sa P1.09 bilyon ang pinagsamang epekto ng bagyong Ferdie at Habagat.

Apektado rito ang 24,512 magsasaka sa Mimaropa, Western Visayas, at Zamboanga Peninsula na may volume of production loss na 50,913 metric tons (MT) at 24,247 ektarya ng agricultural areas.

“Meanwhile, there are no reported damage and losses for Tropical Cyclones Gener and Helen,” ayon pa sa DA.

Pinaka-apektado ang bigas sa nawalang kita na 95.35% o P1.04 bilyon.

Sinundan ito ng mais sa 2.27% o P24.76 milyon.

Ang nalalabing 2.38% ng pagkalugi ay mga high value crops sa P20.36 milyon, habang ang livestock at poultry ay P3.32 milyon at irrigation facilities sa P2.30 milyon.

“These values are subject to validation,” anang DA. *RNT/JGC*

<https://remate.ph/agri-damage-kay-ferdie-p1-09b-na/>

REMATE:

Pagsasabatas ng Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act pinuri ni Sen. Cynthia Villar

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Larawan kuha ni Cesar Morales

MANILA, Philippines- Pinuri ni Sen. Cynthia A. Villar ang pagsasabatas sa panukalang nagpapataw ng matinding parusa laban sa mga smuggler, profiteers, hoarders at kartel ng mga produktong pang-agrikultura at pangisdaan.



Sa isang seremonya sa Malacanang noong Setyembre 26, nilagdaan ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. ang Republic Act No.12022 o ang Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act. Kasamang dumalo ang ilang senador at kongresista, mga opisyal ng Department of Agriculture, at ilang agricultural private groups. **Cesar Morales**

<https://remate.ph/pagsasabatas-ng-anti-agricultural-economic-sabotage-act-pinuri-ni-sen-cynthia-villar/>

REMATE:

Rice shipment pabibilisin ng BOC vs mapansamantalang importer

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TINIYAK ng Bureau of Customs (BOC) ang agarang pagpapalabas ng mga kargamento ng bigas sa Manila International Container Port (MICP) bilang tugon sa mga alalahanin sa mga potensyal na pagkaantala nito na maipamahagi o makarating sa mga konsyumer.

Sa isang pahayag, tiniyak ni Customs Commissioner Bienvenido Rubio sa publiko na ang ahensya ay masigasig na nagtatrabaho upang maiwasan ang mga abala at masugpo ang iligal na pag-iimbak ng bigas.

Ang naturang pahayag ay matapos ang isinagawang inspeksyon sa mga iniangkat na bigas noong Setyembre 25, 2024, sa pangunguna ni House Speaker Martin Romualdez, kasama sina ACT-CIS Party-list Representatives Erwin Tulfo at Edvic Yap, kasunod ng mga ulat ng port congestion.

Sinabi ni Rubio na walang port congestion sa MICP at na-clear na ang lahat ng mga kargamento, binanggit na ang mga pagkaantala ay nagmumula sa sinasamantala ng mga importer ang 30-araw na palugit upang i-claim ang kanilang mga kargamento pagkatapos magbayad ng customs duties and taxes.

Hinimok ni Romualdez ang mga importer ng bigas na bilisan ang pagpapalabas ng kanilang mga kargamento, na nagbabala sa kanila laban sa pag-iimbak, na maaaring humantong sa legal repercussions.

Sa ngayon, 630 rice containers ang nasa MICP, kung saan 492 ang cleared customs duties at 138 pa ang pinoproseso. **Jay Reyes**

<https://remate.ph/rice-shipment-pabilisin-ng-boc-vs-mapansamantalang-importer/>

REMATE:

PBBM: Higit P3B lugi sa agri smuggling sa 2023

September 27, 2024 08:54



MANILA, Philippines – SINABI ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr., na mahigit sa P3 billion ang nawala dahil sa agricultural smuggling noong 2023.

Inihayag ito ni Pangulong Marcos sa paglagda upang maging ganap na batas ang Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage.

Giit ng Pangulo, ang economic sabotage sa agricultural sector ay ”not simply a tale of dubious deals and inflated profits; it manifests as well as hunger, desperation, as betrayal.”

”Let us then acknowledge the gravity of the situation: These crimes threaten not only our economy but our national security as well. It jeopardizes the livelihood of hardworking Filipino farmers and fisherfolk and it threatens the food sustainability of our communities,” ang sinabi ni Pangulong Marcos.

”In 2023 alone, we lost over three billion pesos to agricultural smuggling — staggering amount,” ang pahayag pa rin ng Chief Executive.

Sinabi pa rin niya na “in less than nine months of 2024”, nakumpiska ng mga awtoridad ang mahigit sa P230 milyong halaga ng smuggled agricultural products.

Sa ilalim aniya ng bagong batas, ang smuggling, hoarding, profiteering, at cartel operations na may kaugnayan sa agricultural at fishery products ay ika-klasipika bilang economic sabotage, isang non-bailable offense, ang kaparusahan ay habambuhay na pagkakakulong at may multa na 5 beses sa halaga ng sangkot na kalakal.

Ayon sa Pangulo, hindi lamang target nito ang mga mastermind kundi ang panagutin ang lahat ng mga kompanya na kasabwat at may pananagutan kabilang ang mga 'financiers, brokers, mga empleyado at maging ang transporters. *Kris Jose*

<https://remate.ph/pbbm-higit-p3b-lugi-sa-agri-smuggling-sa-2023/>

MANILA STANDARD:

Agricultural smuggling



By Manila Standard

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THE MANILA TIMES:

NO TO SABOTAGE



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