



MEMORANDUM ORDER

No. 53
Series of 2021

**SUBJECT : UPGRADING OF ZONING STATUS FROM RED ZONE TO PINK ZONE
OF KABAYAN, BENGUET**

WHEREAS, African Swine Fever (ASF) has affected the local hog population of 12 Regions, 50 provinces and 592 cities and municipalities, since its incursion into the county last August 2019;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) Administrative Circular No. 12, Series of 2019 with subject "*National Zoning and Movement Plan for the Prevention and Control of African Swine Fever*" was issued to guide movement protocols intended to control the spread of the virus and contains the five ASF Zone Classification of the country, to wit: Red Zone, Pink Zone, Yellow Zone, Green Zone and Dark Green Zone;

WHEREAS, the DA Administrative Order (AO) No. 7, Series of 2021 with subject "*Implementing Guidelines for the Bantay ASF sa Barangay Program*" has stated the general requirements and procedure in upgrading the disease status of an area from Red (Infected) Zone to Pink (Buffer) Zone in close collaboration with concerned local government units;

WHEREAS, DA AO No. 6, Series of 2021 with subject "*Guidelines on the Implementation of the Recovery, Rehabilitation and Repopulation Assistance Program for ASF-Affected and Non-ASF Affected Areas*" provides the general procedures in the restocking of hogs in previously affected areas;

WHEREAS, the municipality of Kabayan, from the province of Benguet, submitted the necessary measures and requirements prescribed by the issuances abovementioned in achieving the status upgrade from an area previously affected by ASF;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), upon thorough review of submission of the concerned Local Government Units, deems them compliant and recommends that these areas be upgraded from Red Zone to Pink Zone;



NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. DAR, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by the powers vested in me by law, hereby directs the upgrading of the ASF Zoning classification of Kabayan, Benguet from Red (Infected) Zone to Pink (Buffer) Zone and shall be declared with a status of free from ASF.

The BAI shall cause the change of the Zoning Classification of these areas in future publications of the ASF Zoning Map prescribed by DA AC No. 12, Series of 2019.

The Local Government Units of these areas shall have the obligation to adhere to existing issuances in the maintenance and/or change in the ASF zoning status of their areas of jurisdictions and shall coordinate closely with the BAI.

All orders, issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This **ORDER** shall take effect immediately.

Done this 14th day of September 2021.


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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