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SUBJECT : PHILIPPINES LIST OF REGULATED PLANT PESTS

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a member of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), an international treaty securing action to prevent the spread and introduction of pests of plants and plant products, and to promote appropriate measures for their control;

WHEREAS, the Plant Quarantine Service of the Bureau of Plant Industry, by virtue of Presidential Decree 1433, otherwise known as the *Plant Quarantine Law of 1978* is the official National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) and is tasked with national reporting obligations (NRO's) to ensure that a minimum amount of official phytosanitary information is available that can be used as the basis for ensuring safe trade, safeguarding food security and protecting the environment from plant pests.

WHEREAS, the IPPC approved International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 19 *Guidelines on List of Regulated Pests*, in order to enhance transparency and technically justify phytosanitary measures. A regulated pest is a quarantine pest (a pest of potential economic importance to the area endangered thereby and not yet present there, or present but not widely distributed and being officially controlled) or a regulated non-quarantine pest (a non-quarantine pest whose presence in plants for planting affects the intended use of those plants with an economically unacceptable impact and which is therefore regulated within the territory of the importing contracting party).

WHEREAS, the list of regulated pest is based on Pest Risk Analysis conducted by BPI.

WHEREAS, the list of regulated plant pests requires updating when pests are added or deleted, or the category of listed pests changes, or when information is added or changed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this initial list of regulated plant pest (Annex 1) for the guidance of all concerned.

EMMANUEL F. PIÑOL
 Secretary

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