

**[ BPI SPECIAL QUARANTINE ORDER NO. 01, s.  
2007, September 25, 2007 ]**

**AMENDMENT TO BPI SPECIAL QUARANTINE ORDER NO. 03,  
SERIES OF 2005 (DECLARING COCONUT LEAF BEETLE,  
BRONTISPA LONGISSIMA (GESTRO) AN INVASIVE QUARANTINE  
PEST OF COCONUT, COCOS NUCIFERA, AND PROVIDING  
MEASURES TO REGULATE AND PREVENT ITS SPREAD)**

WHEREAS, it has been reported and verified that Coconut Leaf Beetle, *Brontispa longissima* is now present in other areas other than those mentioned in BPI Special Quarantine Order No. 03, Series of 2005;

WHEREAS, it is reported to be present in Metro Manila, Ilocos Norte, Pangasinan, Nueva Vizcaya, Pampanga, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, Aurora, Laguna, Batangas, Cavite, Quezon, Rizal, Southern Palawan, Albay, Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, Sorsogon, Iloilo, Aklan, Guimaras, Bohol, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Zamboanga, Bukidnon, and Davao;

WHEREAS, the coconut industry continues to contribute to the Philippine economy an estimated 800 Million USD annually;

WHEREAS, surveys confirmed that *B. longissima* develops and inflicts damage in coconut and other native as well as exotic ornamental palms;

WHEREAS, if the spread of this invasive pest is not regulated and contained, it may virtually wipe out the coconut industry in the country;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that quarantine measures be strengthened to arrest and prevent spread of the pest to non-infested areas of the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry by P.D. 1433, otherwise known as the Plant Quarantine Decree of 1978, this Special Order is hereby promulgated as follows:

*SECTION 1.* The Coconut Leaf Beetle (*Brontispa longissima*) is hereby declared an injurious and invasive pest of coconut.

*SECTION 2.* Metro Manila and provinces of Ilocos Norte, Pangasinan, Nueva Vizcaya, Pampanga, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, Aurora, Laguna, Batangas, Cavite, Quezon, Rizal, Southern Palawan, Albay, Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, Sorsogon, Iloilo, Aklan, Guimaras, Bohol, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Zamboanga, Bukidnon, and Davao are hereby declared infested with Coconut Leaf Beetle and are hereby placed under quarantine;

*SECTION 3.* The movement/transfer/carrying of any palm seedlings, plants and