

[Act No. 3027, March 08, 1922]

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS FROM INJURIOUS PLANT PESTS AND DISEASES EXISTING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND FURTHER TO REGULATE THE DOMESTIC MOVEMENT OF PLANT MATERIALS IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE INJURY FROM PESTS AND DISEASES ALREADY INTRODUCED

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. The importation into the Philippine Islands of all plant materials or parts thereof, or of soil or any material whatever either by itself or used as packing or covering material which may be a source or medium of infection or infestation by diseases or insects or other animals destructive to agriculture or a medium for the introduction of noxious weeds, is hereby prohibited, except through such ports as may be designated, and subject to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the Director of Agriculture and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

SEC. 2. The Director of Agriculture, if the best interests of the service so require, shall cause to be inspected and certified all plant materials or parts thereof, or soil or any material whatsoever used for packing or covering such plant materials intended for exportation.

SEC. 3. The importer or importers, or their agents of such plant materials shall make a declaration on a regular official form to the Collector of Customs at or before the time of entry. Such a declaration shall show the names and addresses of the consignor and the consignee, the nature and quantity of the plant materials which it is desired to import, the country and locality where the same was grown, the place and date of embarkation, and the registered name of the vessel carrying the consignment.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Collector of Customs, at the port of entry, promptly to notify the Director of Agriculture or his authorized representative of the arrival of any plant materials.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Director of Agriculture to cause to be inspected promptly all importations of plant materials to determine the presence or absence of injurious insects and diseases, or to take such other action as is necessary. For the purpose of enforcing this law, the Director of Agriculture or his representatives are hereby authorized and empowered to enter at any time into any car, warehouse, pier, depot, or upon any ship or other vessels within the jurisdictional territory or water of the Philippine Islands, whether in the stream or at the dock, wharf, mole or any other place where plant materials are received. The Director of Agriculture or his representative may cause to be fumigated and disinfected such plant materials as may be determined or suspected to be infested by such insects or diseases, and such fumigation and disinfection shall be at the expense and responsibility of the importer and under the supervision of a representative of the Director of Agriculture. In the case of plant materials infested with extremely