

**[BPI DA-BPI Special Quarantine Order No. 01, s.
2015, June 05, 2015]**

**DECLARING CASSAVA WITCHES BROOM (CWB) A DANGEROUS
DISEASE OF CASSAVA, PROVIDING FOR ITS CONTROL AND
PLACING UNDER QUARANTINE THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON
WHERE THE DISEASE EXISTS**

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WHEREAS, Cassava Witches Broom (CWB) is now causing heavy infection in the province of Bukidnon as per the official report of Crop Protection Division (CPD) and validation by a team from National Plant Quarantine Service Division (NPQSD) of the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI);

WHEREAS, the province of Bukidnon is a major source of cassava planting materials for distribution to other provinces and where cassava production for processing is a flourishing industry;

WHEREAS, CWB, caused by *Phytoplasma candidatus asteris*, is a systemic and major disease of cassava resulting to high yield loss accounting to 100% if symptoms are observed during the establishment while 40-60% if symptoms appeared five (5) months after planting until harvest;

WHEREAS, the major mode of spread of CWB is through the cuttings used as planting materials;

WHEREAS, cassava is one of the most important crops in the Philippines contributing to PHP 14.8 Billion in the Gross Value Added (GBA) for the agricultural sector;

WHEREAS, to control the spread of the disease, one of the recommendations of the experts is to restrict the movement of infected plants/planting materials (cuttings) to non-infected areas;

WHEREAS, official measures should be adopted to check, control and manage the increase and spread of this dangerous disease; and

WHEREAS, BPI is tasked to implement and enforce the necessary measures to control and prevent the spread of this disease to areas where the disease is not known to occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PROCESO J. ALCALA, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, pursuant to provisions of Chapter IV, Title IV, Book IV of Executive Order (EO) No. 292; Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1433, as amended; and other