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La Trinidad

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PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 04-97

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES PRESCRIBED FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE BENGUET COLD CHAIN PROJECT

"WHEREAS, the Benguet Cold Chain Project hereinafter referred to as the "Cold Chain Project" is essentially piloting on the adoption and application of the Cold Chain Technology, particularly for the temperate and semi-temperate vegetables locally produced in the Province of Benguet;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture through its Ginintuang Masaganang Ani-High Value Commercial Crops (GMA-HVCC) Program, provided and spearheaded the establishment of Pilot Cold Chain System enabling organized farmers to improve their transport and handling capabilities of vegetables to minimize losses and thereby enhancing productivity;

WHEREAS, the Province of Benguet is interested in adopting the cold chain technology that would enhance the sustainability of the quality of vegetables and likewise improve the welfare of the farmers in the province;

WHEREAS, the cold chain facilities provided by the Department of Agriculture shall remain as the property of the Local Government Unit of the Province of Benguet as the operator and hence, shall manage and operate the facilities as an economic enterprise in accordance with the Local Government Code of 1991;

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WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Agreement ratified under SP Res. No. 04-119 dated June 23, 2004 served as guide in coming up with the implementing guidelines;

WHEREAS, the Management Committee has conducted farmers dialogue and open forum which has served as public consultation with the farmers and traders at the capitol and at Wangal, La Trinidad to have this cold chain fees be dessiminated for public information;

NOW THEREFORE, as proposed by the Committee on Legal Matters, duly seconded.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

- Section 1. Title The Benguet Cold Chain Project shall be established in the Province which aims to develop a more competitive and viable vegetable production and marketing industry for the vegetable growers and thereby shall establish implementing guidelines for its management and operation.
- Section 2. Project Management The Benguet Cold Chain project shall be managed as follows:
- a.) The project shall be managed and operated as an economic enterprise of the province in accordance with Section 22 of the Local Government Code of 1991 and related provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991;
- b.) The management of the project will be run by a Management Committee headed by the province and in coordination with the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Post Harvest Research and Extension (BPRE) and the Benguet Farmers Federation Incorporated (BFFI);
- c.) The provincial government shall appoint an experience and competent Project Manager subject to the confirmation of the SP and shall turn over the management of the farmers once they are organized, capable and ready to run the project;
- Section 3. Project Facilities The project is provided with cold chain facilities such as cold rooms for pre-cooling and storage, refrigerated trucks for deliveries or hauling, conveyors and other trimming and packaging equipment. It shall offer the services of basic vegetable cold chain facilities, such as:
- a.) 2 units 5 ton semi-fixed cold storage rooms
- b.) 1 unit 20 footer refrigerated truck for the volume cargo deliveries
- c.) 2 units 16 footer refrigerated trucks for pre-cooling and transport
- d.) 1 unit 10 footer refrigerated truck as the runner vehicle
- e.) 1 unit concrete building as working area and office
- f.) 2,000 pieces of plastic crates for vegetables

Section 4. Project Operation – There shall be two (2) main services as to the technical and business operations of the cold chain facilities:

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- 1.) Production Support and Assistance Service to coordinate and enhance the capabilities of the growers to organize, produce more and market quality vegetables. The services include accreditation of farmers groups or clusters, extension and training on modern farming technologies, systems and enterprise management.
- 2.) Marketing Information Services to provide market information and coordinate market matching and linkages between the accredited farmers groups and buyers.
- Section 5. Project Beneficiaries the cold chain project is mainly for the local farmers in Benguet who are practicing crop production programming to sustain the supply and commodity being marketed.
- Section 6. Project Management Committee there shall be established committee composed of representatives from LGU-Benguet, two (2) representatives from Benguet Farmers Federation Inc, Bureau of Postharvest Research and Extension, the Department of Agriculture-CAR, Benguet Chamber of Commerce and DTI-Benguet;
- Section 7. Duties and Functions of the Committee. The members of the committee shall perform the following:
 - 1.) formulate guidelines on the utilization and fees of the facilities and infrastructures that shall be implemented by the Interim Management Committee:
 - 2.) Approve policies relevant to the implementation of the project
 - 3.) Conduct regular and special meetings to evaluate the progress of the project
 - 4.) Evaluate financial reports submitted by the operators of the facilities
- Section 8. Fees and Collections there shall be various fees to be collected on the following facilities to be rented out such as the following:
 - I. Transport Facility Utilization the refrigerated trucks are rented out on a 24 hours duration with the following fees:
 - a.) 20 footer refrigerated truck an amount of Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) per trip with a minimum load of 3,500 kilograms will be charged as vehicle rental. An additional cost of P2.80 per kilogram will be collected from the client in excess of the 5,000 kilograms net capacity of the 20-footer refrigerated trucks.
 - b.) 16 footer refrigerated truck an amount of Seven Thousand Pesos (P7,000.00) per trip with a minimum load of 2,500 kilograms will be charged as vehicle rental and for any excess of the minimum load, an additional P2.80 per kilogram shall be collected as additional fee. The actual load should not exceed the 3,900 kilograms net capacity of the 16 footer truck.
 - c.) 10-footer refrigerated truck an amount of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Pesos (P4,800.00) per trip with a minimum load of 1,000 kilograms will be charged as rental and an additional cost of P3.50 per kilogram shall be charged in excess of the 1,950 kilogram net capacity of the 10-footer refrigerated truck.

- Back Load Utilization an additional 50% cost of its computed rental shall be charged on back loads of the refrigerated trucks. Back load should not leave foul odors and/or substances that might affect the quality of the next commodity to be transported and or the damage the refrigeration system. It should not also incur additional cleaning and maintenance or cost to the management prior to the next loading.
- **II. Crates Utilization** the crates to be provided shall have the following rental fees:
- a.) the rental fee per crate shall be one peso (P1.00) per day. A five peso (P5.00) per crate surcharge per day shall be charged in case the crates are not returned after the contract expires.
- b.) In case of loss or total damage of crates, the borrower is required to pay the unit at Three Hundred Twenty Pesos (P320.00) per crate.
- c.) The borrower shall be allowed to rent the maximum crate capacity of the refrigerated truck per delivery based on the density of the commodity to be loaded.
- d.) Non-return of crates within ten (10) days shall be charged to the borrower and a suspension of borrowing rights for three (3) months.
- e.) Crates shall be exclusively used for the project.
- III. Modular Cold Storage Utilization The Modular Cold Storage Unit has a total capacity of 5,000 kilos. There shall also be fees for storage of vegetables stored in the modular cold storage. The fee shall be One Thousand pesos (P1,000.00) for every 24 hour duration or at least twenty cents (P0.20) per kilo. In case the user cannot fill up the maximum load capacity of the chamber, a minimum charge of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) shall be charged and twenty cents (0.20) per kilo in excess of the load deposited in the modular cold storage. Vegetables to be stored shall be placed in crates and should have the same temperature requirement.
- Section 9. Payment of Fees. All fees to be collected shall be paid at the Provincial Treasurer's Office to a duly authorized personnel and shall be placed under special account or trust fund which shall be disbursed specifically for the said project as per accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Section 10. Effectivity. This ordinance implementing the prescribed management and operation of the Benguet Cold Chain Project shall be effective pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991.

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