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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OFFICE

REGULAR MEETING- NOVEMBER 6, 2006

PRESENT: HON. CRESCENCIO C. PACALSO, Vice Governor
 & Presiding Officer

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ABSENT: HON. JOHNNY S. UY, Board Member (O.B.)

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 06-113

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 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 a Pilot Cold Chain system enabling organized farmers to improve their transport and handling capabilities of vegetables to minimize losses 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 a guide in coming up with the implementing guidelines;

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

WHEREAS, the end result of all aforementioned activities is the approval of Provincial Ordinance No. 04-97 adopting the implementing guidelines prescribed for the management and operation of the Benguet Cold Chain Project;

WHEREAS, there is however, a need to amend the afore-stated ordinance to keep up with the present economic situation, and to maximize the use of the cold chain facilities;

NOW THEREFORE, as proposed by the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 with the aim to develop a more competitive and viable vegetable production and marketing industry for the vegetable growers;

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;
- b) The management of the project will be overseen 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, Inc. The provincial government shall appoint an experienced and competent Project Manager subject to the confirmation of the SP 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. It shall offer the services of basic vegetable cold 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 A50 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:

- 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 a committee composed of representatives from LGU-Benguet, 2 representatives from Benguet Farmers Federation, Inc., Bureau of Post-harvest Research and Extension, The Department of Agriculture-CAR, Benguet Chamber of Commerce, Chairman, Mayor's League of Benguet, and DTI-Benguet;

Section 7, Duties and Functions of the Committee. The members of the committee shall perform the following:

- 1) Formulate, improve and update_ guidelines on the utilization and fees of the facilities and infrastructures that shall be implemented by the Project Management Staff;
- 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 Project Management Staff
- 5) Recommend to the SP amendments to the fees of the facilities and infrastructure

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 Five Thousand Six Hundred Pesos (P5,600.00) 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 2-footer refrigerated trucks.
 - b) 16-footer refrigerated truck – an amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P3,500.00) 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 Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) per trip with a minimum load of 1,000 kilograms will be charged as rental and 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
- d) The client shall however, shoulder the cost of fuel, toll fees and other incidental expenses

II. 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 damage the refrigeration system. It should not also incur additional cleaning and maintenance or cost to the management prior to the next loading.

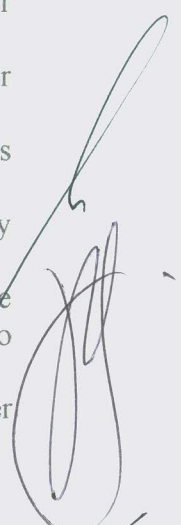
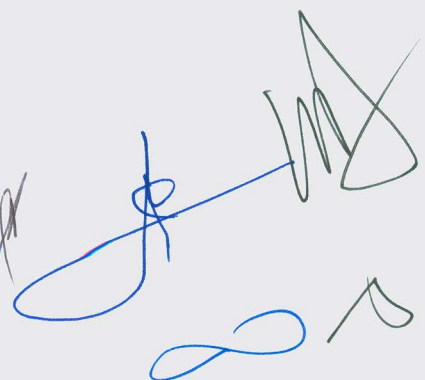
III. Crates Utilization- the crates shall be rented out on a twenty –Four (24) hour duration as follows:

- a) P0.50 per crate if with the use of the Modular Cold Storage and/or refrigerated trucks;
- b) P0.75 per crate if without the use of the Modular Cold Storage and/or refrigerated trucks;
- c) A Five Pesos (P5.00) surcharge per day shall be charged in case the crates are not returned after the contract expires.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.
- f) Non-return of crates within ten (10) days shall be charged to the borrower and a suspension of borrowing rights for three (3) months.
- g) The crates shall be exclusively used for the project.

IV. Modular Cold Storage Utilization- The Cold Storage with a maximum capacity of Five Thousand Kilograms per chamber shall be rented out on a Twenty Four (24) Hours duration as follows:

- a) Seven Hundred Pesos (P700.00) per chamber; and
- b) One Thousand Two Hundred Pesos (P1,200.00) for the two chambers.

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 a Special Account or Trust Fund which shall be disbursed specifically for the said project as per accounting and auditing rules and regulations.



Section 10. Repealing Clause - Any provision of existing ordinance, resolution, or any provincial issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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.

CARRIED.”


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