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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform the public that the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Regional Office (RO) No. XIII will cease from issuing **CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORT FOR SOIL SAMPLES** to any individuals and/or entities in compliance with the Special Quarantine Order No. 1, Series of 2019, of the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), in re: "*Guidelines on the Transport of Musa spp. and Non-Musa spp. Plants and Planting Materials from Mindanao Island to Luzon and Visayas Islands*".

The said guidelines provide, among others, that **movement of soils outside the Mindanao Island are strictly prohibited and/or not allowed to transport outside the Island, regardless of its purpose, since the disease is caused by a soil borne pathogen.**

Any individuals and/or entities who wish to secure a Certificate of Transport for Soil Samples are hereby advised to coordinate with BPI National Plant Quarantine Services Division – PQS RO No. XIII (Caraga) at Telephone Nos. (085) 225-8702 and (085) 305-1085 or through email at pqs.caraga@gmail.com.

Please be guided accordingly.

Thank you.



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