



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BULACAN
CITY OF MALOLOS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20

Series of 2021

AN ORDER AMENDING SECTION 2 (PROVINCIAL LIQUOR BAN) OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19, SERIES OF 2021

WHEREAS, on 08 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued *Proclamation No. 922* declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines and enjoined all local government units (LGU) to render full assistance and cooperation to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of COVID-19, mitigate its effects and impact to the community, and prevent serious disruption of the functioning of the government and the community;

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, President Duterte issued *Proclamation No. 929* declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on 13 May 2021, the Province of Bulacan was placed by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) with heightened restrictions from 15 until 31 May 2021;

WHEREAS, the undersigned issued *Executive Order No. 19, series of 2021* dated 14 May 2021 implementing the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in the Province of Bulacan which included a prohibition against the sale, distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the province;

WHEREAS, the employees in the liquor industry have been adversely affected by the prohibition and must be allowed to work in order to regain their livelihood and contribute to the recovery of the economy;

WHEREAS, pursuant to *Section 465, Par. (b)* of the *Local Government Code*, the Provincial Governor, as the chief executive of the provincial government, is authorized to adopt such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities, issue such executive orders for the faithful and appropriate enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances, and ensure that the acts of all LGUs in the province and their officials are within the scope of their prescribed powers, duties, and functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANIEL R. FERNANDO, Provincial Governor of Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. LIFTING OF PROVINCIAL LIQUOR BAN. --- The liquor ban imposed under *Section 2 of Executive Order No. 19, series of 2021* is hereby **lifted**. The sale, consumption and distribution of liquors or alcoholic beverages within the province shall be allowed, provided that:



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- a. They shall not be served and consumed in commercial establishments and public places within the province. For this purpose, hotels, inns, and similar establishments which offer accommodation services to the public shall be considered public places.
- b. Only supermarkets, stores, and other authorized retail outlets shall be allowed to sell them directly to consumers.
- c. They will be sold only from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

All local chief executives in the province are hereby enjoined to ensure the strict implementation of this *Executive Order* and they are given the discretion to impose stricter policies within their respective jurisdictions as they may deem proper.


Section 2. INCORPORATION CLAUSE. --- All laws, rules, and regulations that have been issued and/or will be issued by the authorized officials and agencies of the national government in relation to COVID-19 and the implementation of the GCQ are hereby deemed incorporated and shall form integral parts hereof.

Section 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. --- If any part or provision of this *Executive Order* is held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent authority, the other parts or provisions not affected shall remain valid and effective.

Section 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. --- All executive orders, related rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with this *Executive Order* are hereby replaced or modified accordingly.

Section 5. EFFECTIVITY. --- This *Executive Order* shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 19th day of May, 2021 at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of Malolos, Bulacan.


DANIEL R. FERNANDO
Provincial Governor