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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>PHILIPPINES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Domestic and wild pigs and their products including pork meat and semen
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b> Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Moldova, Republic of; South Africa; Zambia
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order No. 30, Series of 2018, Temporary Ban on the Importation of Domestic and Wild Pigs and Their Products Including Pork Meat and Semen Originating from Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Moldova, Republic of; South Africa; Zambia. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/PHL/18_5399_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/PHL/18_5399_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Order temporarily bans the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products, including pork meat and semen. It immediately suspends the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance of the aforementioned commodities, and also mandates the stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the said commodities into the country by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> Based on the official reports submitted to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), there were current unresolved events of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Bulgaria; Czech Republic; Moldova, Republic of; South Africa; Zambia, affecting domestic and wild pigs and there is a need to prevent the entry of ASF virus into the Philippines.

<p><b>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> Chapters 1.1, 4.3 and 15.1 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2018</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> 14 September 2018</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Office of the Director Policy Research Service Department of Agriculture Elliptical Road, Diliman Quezon City Tel: +(632) 926 7439 Fax: +(632) 928 0590 E-mail: spspilipinas@da.gov.ph</p> <p>or</p> <p>National Veterinary Quarantine Services Bureau of Animal Industry Visayas Avenue, Diliman Quezon City Tel: +(632) 920 0815 Fax: +(632) 920 0916 E-mail: nvqs_bai@yahoo.com quarantine_bai@yahoo.com</p>

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