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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

- 1. **Notifying Member: PHILIPPINES** If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture 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): Domestic and wild pigs and their products coming from China and other African Swine Flu (ASF)-affected countries 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners [] [X] Specific regions or countries: Belgium; Bulgaria; China; Czech Republic; Hungary; Latvia; Moldova, Republic of; Mongolia; Poland; Romania; Russian Federation; South Africa; Ukraine; Viet Nam; Zambia 5. Title of the notified document: Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order No. 41, Implementation of Veterinary Quarantine Measures for the Prevention of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the Philippines. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/PHL/19 1196 00 e.pdf 6. Description of content: The Order directs the Bureau of Animal Industry and other concerned DA agencies to: establish foot baths in all entry points of the country including cruise ships; mandatorily inspect vessels docking in Philippine ports with meat supplies/fishermen coming from West Philippine Sea with meat products from China; closely coordinate with the Bureau of Customs at all international air and sea ports for the conduct of rigid inspection of check-in and hand-carried luggages of all incoming passengers from ASF-affected countries; and confiscate and destroy all pork products within 24 hours coming from China and other countries affected by ASF. 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from
 - other damage from pests.8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: The recent incidence
 - of ASF in China is a clear indicator of the increasing coverage of the disease in Asia thus the need for more vigilance through protection of borders.
 - 9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):

- [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Chapters 1.1, 4.3 and 15.1 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2018
- [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
- [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- 10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- 11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 28 December 2018
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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