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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>PHILIPPINES</u> 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): Dogs (live), cats (live) (HS code(s): 0106.19)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Department of Agriculture Memorandum Circular No. __, Series of 2025, Updated Import Terms and Conditions (ITC) for the Entry of Dogs and Cats to the Philippines. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 7 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/PHL/25_04213_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: This measure updates the import terms and conditions for dogs and cats entering the Philippines. It requires a Sanitary Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC) and an International Veterinary Certificate to ensure compliance with animal health standards and prevent disease spread. The update aligns with WOAHA guidelines and WTO SPS Agreement principles, streamlines procedures to facilitate trade, and supports ease of doing business. It includes a mandatory review after two years and repeals inconsistent prior rules. The Circular takes effect 30 days after publication.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Chapters 5.1, 5.2, 5.11, and 8.15 of Terrestrial Animal Health Code <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 August 2025 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Office of the Director Policy Research Service Department of Agriculture Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City Tel: +(632) 8 926 7439 Fax: +(632) 8 928 0590 E-mail: spspilipinas@da.gov.ph spspilipinas@gmail.com
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