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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<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> Importation of agricultural and fishery commodities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plants, plant products, and related materials capable of harboring plant pests (e.g., seeds, fresh fruits, vegetables, fibers, grains, cereals, GM plants, wood packaging materials) (HS codes: 06-15, 44);</li><li>• Live animals; animal products and by-products; other products of animal origin, such as embryos and semen, including egg and honey either in natural state, manufactured, or in processed form; unprocessed animal products of exotic origin such as untanned and/or untreated hide/skin/fur, and animal manure (HS codes: 01, 02, 04, 05);</li><li>• Animal feeds, feed ingredients, feed additives and supplements, pet food, and other feed products (HS code: 23);</li><li>• Meat and meat by-products either in natural state (frozen/chilled), manufactured, or in processed form such as not fully heat-treated/not fully cooked meat products (HS codes: 02, 16);</li><li>• Laboratory biological samples of animal or animal product (such as but not limited to blood, serum, pancreatic cells, and neuronal cells) (HS codes: 30.02, 30.04);</li><li>• Non-therapeutic animal feed premixes and water solubles (HS code: 23);</li><li>• Live/fresh/chilled/frozen fish and fishery and aquatic products including microorganisms, biomolecules, algae cultures, and rhizobial cultures as legume inoculant (HS code: 03);</li><li>• Fertilizer, pesticides, and other agricultural chemicals for crop protection and use in animal facilities (HS codes: 31, 38);</li><li>• Biological control agents (BCAs) limited to bio-rational (HS codes: 38.08, 30.02.90); and</li><li>• Goods referred to the DA or goods, not being listed elsewhere in this Circular, discovered by the DA at a Port of Entry and suspected of harboring regulated pests or organisms.</li></ul>
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <b>[X] All trading partners</b> <b>[ ] Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Department Circular No. ____, Series of 2025: Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation of Agricultural, Fish, Fishery/Aquatic, and its Products and By-Products, Animal Feeds, Feed Ingredients and Feed Additives; and Fertilizers, Pesticides, and Other Agricultural Chemical Products into the Philippines. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 32 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/PHL/25_06806_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/PHL/25_06806_00_e.pdf</a>

<b>6.</b>	<b>Description of content:</b> This Circular aims to amend the existing regulatory regime for the importation of agricultural, fish, fishery/aquatic, its products, by-products, fertilizers, pesticides, and other agricultural chemical products into the Philippines in view of recent legislative developments. The objective is to protect human, animal, and plant life from risks associated with contaminants, pests, and diseases.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> CODEX STAN 193-1995 (General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> Terrestrial Animal Health Code (chapters 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, and 4.3), Aquatic Animal Health Code (chapters 5.1, 5.2, and 2.1)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> ISPM No. 2, ISPM No. 15</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>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> December 2025</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): This Circular shall take effect 15 days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation and its filing with the Office of the National Administrative Register of the University of the Philippines Law Center.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 12 December 2025</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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:</p> <p>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: <a href="mailto:spsphilipinas@da.gov.ph">spsphilipinas@da.gov.ph</a> <a href="mailto:spsphilipinas@gmail.com">spsphilipinas@gmail.com</a></p>

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