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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: PHILIPPINES

If applicable, name of local government involved:

2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Animal Industry

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): Live Animals (HS code(s): 01); Animal husbandry and breeding (ICS code(s): 65.020.30); Meat and meat products (ICS code(s): 67.120.10); Animal and vegetable fats and oils (ICS code(s): 67.200.10)

4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:

All trading partners DA-accredited countries

Specific regions or countries:

5. Title of the notified document: Department of Agriculture Administrative Circular No. 12, Series of 2025, Guidelines on the Bilateral Recognition of Regionalization of African Swine Fever from Accredited Countries for Export of Swine, and Swine Products into the Philippines. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 7

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/PHL/26_00461_00_e.pdf

6. Description of content: The Department of Agriculture (DA) Administrative Circular No. 12, series of 2025, titled "Guidelines on the Bilateral Recognition of Regionalization of African Swine Fever from Accredited Countries for Export of Swine, and Swine Products into the Philippines", introduces a new policy for the safe importation of swine and pork products.

In essence, the circular implements an African Swine Fever (ASF) regionalization scheme, replacing the previous blanket country-wide ban policy. This means the Philippines will now recognize ASF-free regions (Administrative regions) within countries that are already accredited to export to the Philippines, in line with the standards set by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).

7. Objective and rationale: **food safety**, **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 Circular has completed its publication in the general circulation and now being currently implemented.

<p>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Chapter 4.3, Zoning and compartmentalization</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p>[X] Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): Not applicable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>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:</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: spspilipinas@da.gov.ph spspilipinas@gmail.com</p>
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