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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-Bureau of Plant Industry
<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> Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; Miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; Industrial or medicinal plants; Straw and fodder (HS code(s): 12)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> DA Department Circular No. 15, Series of 2025: Guidelines Governing the Phytosanitary Requirements for International Movement of Seeds for Planting and Research Purposes. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 15 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/PHL/26_00365_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/PHL/26_00365_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The guideline describes the phytosanitary requirements for the importation and exportation of seeds for planting and research purposes, recognizing the need to translate ISPM 38 into a national law to harmonizing approaches in managing risks associated with international seed movement.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>food safety</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>animal health</b> , <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>plant protection</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease</b> , <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>protect territory from other damage from pests</b> .
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> ISPM No 38 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>
<b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>

<b>10.</b> <b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 22 January 2026 <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.
<b>11.</b> <b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 22 January 2026 [ ] <b>Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b> <b>Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not applicable <b>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:</b> 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:spspilipinas@da.gov.ph">spspilipinas@da.gov.ph</a> <a href="mailto:spspilipinas@gmail.com">spspilipinas@gmail.com</a>
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