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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: PHILIPPINES

If applicable, name of local government involved:

2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

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): Fish and fishery products (ICS code: 67.120)

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

All trading partners

Specific regions or countries:

5. Title of the notified document: Fisheries Administrative Order No. 273, Series of 2025 - Rules and Regulations Governing the Exportation of Fish and Fishery/Aquatic (FFA) Products Intended for Human Consumption. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 23

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/PHL/26_00498_00_e.pdf

6. Description of content: This order lays down specific hygiene rules of primary and post-harvest stages of fish and fishery/aquatic (FFA) products to be compiled by all fishery and aquaculture business operators (FABO) intending to export fish and fishery/aquatic (FFA) products for human consumption regardless of country of destination.

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. 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): General Principles of Food Hygiene. Codex Alimentarius Code of Practice, No.CXC 1-1969

World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):

International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

Yes 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): 8 July 2025 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 17 July 2026
11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 April 2026 [X] Trade facilitating measure
12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable 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: 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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