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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> Department of Agriculture
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR)
<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> ICS code: 67.220.20
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Department Circular No. 14 series of 2026 "Rules and Regulations on the Importation of Salt". <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 11
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This Circular shall establish food safety controls and inspection for the importation of food-grade salt and non-food grade salt under Section 22 of the Republic Act No. 11985.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CXS 193-1995 , CXS 150-1985 <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <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> Republic Act No. 11985 "An Act Strengthening and Revitalizing the Salt Industry in the Philippines"

<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 10 May 2026</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 25 April 2026</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
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