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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>PHILIPPINES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: Department of Agriculture
2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI)
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): 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: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Eswatini, Gambia, Guinea, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Vietnam, and Zambia
5. Title of the notified document: Department Circular No. 46, Series of 2026: Temporary Ban on the Importation of All Commodities Derived from Foot and Mouth Disease-Susceptible Animals, Their Products and By-products Originating from Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Eswatini, Gambia, Guinea, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Viet Nam, and Zambia. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/PHL/26_05249_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The Circular institutes emergency measures for the importation of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products originating from the specified countries. It bans the importation of FMD-susceptible animals, their products and by-products. It also sets conditions for commodities that remain allowed under the temporary restrictions, consistent with the Philippines' import terms and conditions and regulatory requirements. The Circular further provides that non-compliant shipments shall be dealt with under DA Department Circular No. 14, Series of 2025, and that Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors shall stop and confiscate shipments of commodities classified as "NOT ALLOWED" at major ports of entry.
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: Based on official reports of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) through the World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS), cases of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) virus in Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Eswatini, Gambia, Guinea, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Viet Nam, and Zambia were confirmed through laboratory diagnosis by the respective reference laboratories, in coordination with the World Reference Laboratory for Foot-and-Mouth Disease and the WOAH reference laboratory network. The urgent measure is intended to prevent entry of FMD virus into the Philippines and protect the FMD-susceptible animal population.
9.	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): ☒ World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Chapter 8.8 ☐ 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:
10.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
11.	Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 19 September 2026 ☐ Trade facilitating measure
12.	Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☒ National Notification Authority, ☒ 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 1100, Philippines Tel: +(632) 8 926 7439 Fax: +(632) 8 928 0590 E-mail: spsphilipinas@da.gov.ph
13.	Text(s) available from: ☒ National Notification Authority, ☒ 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 1100, Philippines Tel: +(632) 8 926 7439 Fax: +(632) 8 928 0590 E-mail: spsphilipinas@da.gov.ph