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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:** Department of Agriculture
2.	**Agency responsible:** 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 (excl. mammals, reptiles, birds, insects, fish, crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates and cultures of micro-organisms, etc.) (HS code(s): 010690)
4.	**Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** **[X] All trading partners** **[ ] Specific regions or countries:**
5.	**Title of the notified document:** Implementation Guide on the Updated Regulations on the Importation of Dogs and Cats into the Philippines. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 7 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/PHL/26_05700_00_e.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** This Circular is hereby issued to provide the updated guidelines and implementation procedures for the importation of dogs and cats into the Philippines. It outlines the documentary and animal health requirements, including the approved Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPSIC), rabies vaccination, parasite treatment, microchip identification, and among others. It must be noted that Philippines now requires Rabies Neutralizing Antibody Titer Test Result for each dog and cat entering the Philippines. Furthermore, Form 1 (Certificate of Animal Vaccination, Antibody Titer and Medication) is a mandatory document required during the application of SPSIC. This Circular also specifies the application process, required documents upon arrival, implementation schedule.
7.	**Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [X] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [X] 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)*:** **[X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** Chapter 8.15 Infection with Rabies Virus **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[ ] None**

	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? **[X] 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)*:** 1 January 2027 **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 November 2027
11.	**Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 January 2027 **[ ] Trade facilitating measure**
12.	**Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 2 January 2027 **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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