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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 (DA), Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS)
<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> HS Code(s): 09
<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> Draft Philippine National Standard (PNS) Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Ochratoxin A (OTA) Contamination in Coffee <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 22 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/PHL/15_4675_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/PHL/15_4675_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This document is intended to provide guidance in producing and handling coffee for human consumption to prevent and reduce Ochratoxin A (OTA) contamination in coffee. All coffee beans should be prepared and handled in accordance with the Codex General Principles of Food Hygiene (CAC/RCP 1-1969, Rev. 4, 2003), which are relevant for all foods being prepared for human consumption. This Code of Practice indicates the measures that should be implemented by all persons that have the responsibility for assuring that food is safe and suitable for human consumption.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input 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) CAC/RCP 1-1969, Rev. 4, 2003 <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>

9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 8 February 2016 <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 12 January 2016
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 February 2016 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 February 2016 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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) 926 7439 Fax: +(632) 928 0590 E-mail: spspilipinas@da.gov.ph  or  Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards BPI Compound, Visayas Avenue, Diliman Quezon City Tel: +(632) 455 0031 +(632) 455 2858 +(632) 455 2856 Fax: +(632) 455 0031 E-mail: bafs@da.gov.ph Website: <a href="http://bafs.da.gov.ph">http://bafs.da.gov.ph</a>
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