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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>PHILIPPINES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)
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): Plants, planting materials, and plant products
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Department of Agriculture (DA) Department Circular (DC) No. 04, series of 2016 - Guidelines on the Importation of Plants, Planting Materials and Plant Products for Commercial Purposes. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 19 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/PHL/17_2467_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This Circular aims to rationalize and enhance the requirements and procedures for the importation of plants, planting materials, and plant products for commercial purposes.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPMs 1, 23, 31 and 32. <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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): 22 July 2016 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 7 July 2016
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 22 July 2016 [] 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) 926 7439 Fax: +(632) 928 0590 E-mail: spspilipinas@da.gov.ph or National Plant Quarantine Services Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) San Andres Street, Malate, Manila, Philippines Telephone: (632) 524-3749 Facsimile: (632) 404-0409 E-mail: pqsbpi@yahoo.com
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