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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
<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> Agriculture and fishery commodities, feeds and feed ingredients
<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 of Agriculture (DA) Administrative Circular No. 12, Series of 2017, Issuance and Validity Period of SPS Import Clearance. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/PHL/17_5502_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/PHL/17_5502_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This circular was issued in view of the anticipated increased volume of importation of agricultural and fishery commodities as well as feeds and feed ingredients in connection with the Christmas holiday season as reminder that the Must Ship Out Date and validity period of SPS Import Clearance (SPSIC) shall be strictly enforced as stated in DA Administrative Order No. 9 Series of 2010, Section III, Rule F.
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <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 type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input 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>

<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 20 October 2017  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 20 October 2017</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 October 2017  <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  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</p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  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</p>