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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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### NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| <b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>PHILIPPINES</u><br><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> Domestic and wild pigs and their products and by-products including pork meat, pig skin and their products and by-products including pork meat, pig skin and semen  |
| <b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Viet Nam  |
| <b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order No. 4 Series of 2019, Temporary Ban on the Importation of Domestic and Wild Pigs and their Products and By-products including Pork Meat, Pig Skin and Semen Originating from Viet Nam. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1<br><a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/PHL/19_1528_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/PHL/19_1528_00_e.pdf</a>   |
| <b>6. Description of content:</b> The Order bans the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products, including pork meat and semen and immediately suspends the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance for the said commodities. All shipments of the aforementioned goods into the country will be stopped and confiscated by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports. Frozen pork meats from accredited establishments already in transit upon issuance of this Order are allowed to enter the country subject to veterinary quarantine rules and regulations. |
| <b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> Based on news reports, pork products from Viet Nam brought into Chinese Taipei have tested positive for African swine fever (ASF) virus and there is a need to prevent the entry of ASF virus into the Philippines to protect the health of the local swine population.   |

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| <p><b>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> Chapters 1.1, 4.3 and 15.1 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2018</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p> |
| <p><b>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>   |
| <p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b><br/>18 February 2019</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>  |
| <p><b>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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:</b></p> <p>Office of the Director<br/>Policy Research Service<br/>Department of Agriculture<br/>Elliptical Road, Diliman<br/>Quezon City<br/>Tel: +(632) 926 7439<br/>Fax: +(632) 928 0590<br/>E-mail: spspilipinas@da.gov.ph</p> <p>or</p> <p>National Veterinary Quarantine Services<br/>Bureau of Animal Industry<br/>Visayas Avenue, Diliman<br/>Quezon City<br/>Tel: +(632) 920 0815<br/>Fax: +(632) 920 0916<br/>E-mail: nvqs_bai@yahoo.com<br/>quarantine_bai@yahoo.com</p>  |

**13. Text(s) available from:  National Notification Authority,  National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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