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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
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): Plant food
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: Draft Department Circular, Series of 2019: Rules and Regulations Governing the Importation and Exportation of Plant Food. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 15 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/PHL/19_4726_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This Circular aims to rationalize and put in place an effective food control system for the importation and exportation of plant food to protect health of consumers and ensure fair practices in trade of plant food.
7. Objective and rationale: <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.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CAC/GL 53-2003 (Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification Systems)- CAC/GL 82-2003 (Principles and Guidelines for National Food Control Systems)- CAC/GL 26-1997 (Guidelines for the Design, Operation, Assessment, and Accreditation of Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems)- CAC/GL 34-1999 (Guidelines for the Development of Equivalence Agreements regarding Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification System) <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 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 November 2019 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 22 November 2019
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 June 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 22 October 2019 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: 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 Plant Industry Address: 692 San Andres Street, Malate, Manila, Philippines Tel: +(632) 525 7909 +(632) 525 2987 E-mail: bpi.information@yahoo.com
13.	Text(s) available from: <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 Plant Industry Address: 692 San Andres Street, Malate, Manila, Philippines Tel: +(632) 525 7909 +(632) 525 2987 E-mail: bpi.information@yahoo.com