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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

Notifying Member: PHILIPPINES 1. If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry 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 products 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners [X] [] Specific regions or countries: 5. Title of the notified document: Department of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry COVID-19 Enhanced Community Quarantine Advisory. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/PHL/20 2722 00 e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/PHL/20 2722 01 e.pdf 6. **Description of content:** Knowing that other countries are implementting measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, BPI will accept scanned copies of important documents (e.g. Phytosanitary Certificates, Treatment Certificates, and Health Certificates etc.,) given however, that an official notification from the exporting country will be provided to BPI. Scanned/PDF copies may be sent to this email address: pgsbpi@yahoo.com. 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests. 8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: The Bureau of Plant Industry provides import and export measures to circumvent the tremendous effects on trade of the Enhanced Community Quarantine implemented in various areas in the Philippines and quarantine measures on other countries due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex [] standard or related text): [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM12 [X] [] None

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Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

11. Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable): 6 April 2020

[X] Trade facilitating measure

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