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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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### NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

<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 Bureau of Animal Industry
<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> Animal commodities
<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 Memorandum Circular 13 Series of 2020 <i>Guidance in the Acceptance of Electronic Export Health Certificate During the Enhanced Community Quarantine Period.</i> <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/PHL/20_2721_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/PHL/20_2721_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Circular provides detailed instructions as guidance in the acceptance of electronic export health certificate during the enhanced community quarantine period. Electronic health certificates (E-HC) may be submitted by the Veterinary Authority of source country by providing online validation link and instruction on how to access the certificate. In the absence of electronic verification system, the authentication of these certificates may be coursed through their Authorized Representative in respective Philippine-based embassy. The submission of original HC by the Veterinary Authority will follow once the courier services has resumed normal operations. All related communications regarding E-HC shall be coursed through government veterinary office and representatvie using their official address to: Florence D. Silvano, DVM, PhD, Chief, National Veterinary Quarantine Services, <a href="mailto:baiquarantinephvhc@gmail.com">baiquarantinephvhc@gmail.com</a> . The acceptance of E-HC in applicable shipments is valid during the period of Enhanced Community Quarantine which will end on 30 April 2020, unless otherwise revoked earlier or extended. Thereafter, procedure will revert to the default processing using paper Health Certificates.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" 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> Luzon has been under enhanced community quarantine since mid-March due to COVID-19.

<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> Chapter 5.10</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></p> <p>8 April 2020</p> <p><input checked="" 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  Policy Research Service  Department of Agriculture  Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City  Tel: +(632) 926 7439  Fax: +(632) 928 0590  E-mail: <a href="mailto:spsphilipinas@gmail.com">spsphilipinas@gmail.com</a>  Website: <a href="http://spsissuances.da.gov.ph/">http://spsissuances.da.gov.ph/</a>  Or  National Veterinary Quarantine Services  Bureau of Animal Industry  Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City  Tel: +(632) 920 0815  Fax: +(632) 920 0916  E-mail: <a href="mailto:nvqs_bai@yahoo.com">nvqs_bai@yahoo.com</a>  <a href="mailto:quarantine_bai@yahoo.com">quarantine_bai@yahoo.com</a></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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