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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>PHILIPPINES</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Animal 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): Animal commodities
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [X] All trading partners
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 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Industry Memorandum Circular No. 10 Series of 2020 Acceptance of Electronic Export Health Certificate During the Enhanced Community Quarantine Period. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/PHL/20 2720 00 e.pdf

- **6. Description of content:** The Circular declares the Bureau of Animal Industry's Acceptance of electronic Export Health Certificate/International Veterinary Health Certificate from the Competent Authority of source country as equivalent of the paper certificate under specific conditions to facilitate the import of animal commodities despite the Enhanced Community Quarantine due to COVID-19.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Luzon has been under quarantine since mid-March due to COVID-19.
- 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):
 - [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Chapter 5.10
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
 - [] 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): 2 April 2020

[X] Trade facilitating measure

12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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