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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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 products
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: Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Industry Memorandum Circular 5 Series of 2020 <i>Verification of International Health Certificate (HC)/International Veterinary Health Certificate (IVHC/IVC) During Enhanced Community Quarantine Period</i> . Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/PHL/20_3126_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The Circular prescribes a remedial process to facilitate cargo release processing in international ports of consignments lacking original IVC/HC document due to disruption in the operation of courier services amid Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) imposed in the country due to COVID-19 pandemic. The Philippines will accept electronic copy of the HC as long as the authenticity will be confirmed by the veterinary authority of the source country.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" 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.
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Luzon has been under ECQ since mid-March
9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Chapter 5.10, Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2019) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes [] No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
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): 23 March 2020 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	<p>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:</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: spsphilipinas@gmail.com Website: http://spsissuances.da.gov.ph/ Or National Veterinary Quarantine Services Division Bureau of Animal Industry Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City Tel: +(632) 528 2250 Email: baiquarantinephvc@gmail.com baiquarantineph@gmail.com</p>
13.	<p>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:</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: spsphilipinas@gmail.com Website: http://spsissuances.da.gov.ph/ Or National Veterinary Quarantine Services Division Bureau of Animal Industry Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City Tel: +(632) 528 2250 Email: baiquarantinephvc@gmail.com baiquarantineph@gmail.com</p>