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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): Animals and 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 Administrative Order No. 25 Series of 2020 <i>Institutionalizing the Acceptance of Electronic Veterinary Health Certificates (e-CERT)</i> . Language(s): English. Number of pages: One (1) https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/PHL/20_4138_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The Order institutionalizes the acceptance of electronic Health Certificate with its corresponding e-signatures for animals and animal products as legal and functional equivalent of paper-based certifications issued by the counterpart Competent Authority of exporting 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. 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input 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): 11 June 2020 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Fifteen (15) days after publication [X] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 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: 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
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