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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): Rice
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: Draft Memorandum Circular: Food Safety Measures for Rice. Language(s): English . Number of pages: Nine (9) https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/PHL/20_4745_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The Circular sets food safety mandatory limits for contaminants and toxins adopted from applicable Philippine National Standard (PNS), Codex Alimentarius Commission, ASEAN database and regulatory limits for paddy and rice, pursuant to the Food Safety Act of 2013 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations of 2015.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): (i) Principles and Guidelines for National Food Control Systems (CXG-82-2013); (ii) General Principles of Food Hygiene (CXC-1-1989) <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 type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" 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): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 October 2020 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: 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: spspilipinas@gmail.com or Bureau of Plant Industry Address: 692 San Andres Street, Malate, Manila, Philippines Tel: +(632) 525 7909 +(632) 525 2987 E-mail: bpi.information@yahoo.com
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