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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>PHILIPPINES</u>
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS)
- 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): Bees
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- Title of the notified document: Draft Philippine National Standard (PNS) for Code of Good Beekeeping Practices Language(s): English Number of pages: 15

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/PHL/16_0761_00_e.pdf

- 6. **Description of content:** This code sets out the general principles of good practice and minimum requirements in the commercial or backyard apiaries and in wild honey hunting intended for the production of honey, royal jelly, beeswax, pollen, and propolis which applies to all species of bees.
- Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. 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)* Information for the Chapters of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code on Diseases of Bees. Paris, France, scientific-expertise/specific-information-andrecommendations/bee-

diseases. Accessed December 2015.

- [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)
- [] None

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:

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9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:	
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 24 May 2016	
	Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 26 April 2016	
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication and/or (dd/mm/yy): 24 May 2016	
	[X] Trade facilitating measure	
12.	Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 May 2016	
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