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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: PHILIPPINES
	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): Oysters and mussels
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
	[X] All trading partners
	[] Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Draft Philippines National Standard Code of Good Aquaculture Practices (GAqP) for Oysters and Mussels Language(s): English Number of pages: 6
	http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/PHL/16 3275 00 e.pdf
6.	Description of content: This Code of Good Aquaculture Practices (GAqP) for oysters and mussels covers practices that aim to prevent or minimize the risks associated with aquaculture production in brackish and marine waters. This Code covers the following aspects of aquaculture production addressing food safety, environmental integrity, and socio-economic welfare.
7.	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:
	[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) CAC RCP 52-2003 Amended 2-2013
	[] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)
	[] 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:
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: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): To be determined. [] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 31 October 2016
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