



**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>PHILIPPINES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture
<b>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):</b> Meat commodities
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 24 Series of 2020 <i>Additional Guidelines on the Approval of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance (SPS IC) for Meat Commodities</i> . <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> One (1) <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/PHL/20_3577_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/PHL/20_3577_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Order imposes additional measures to ensure proper cold chain management, thereby safeguarding food safety of food commodities.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic which forced the country to impose ECQ, there is now a drastic contraction of demand brought about by the closure of hotels, restaurants and institutions. This resulted to an oversupply of local production which led to the full capacity of Cold Storage Warehouses (CSWs).  In view hereof, as CSWs are critical facilities in maintaining freshness and safety of imported meat and meat by-products, additional measures are hereby imposed by the Department to ensure proper cold chain management thereby safeguarding food safety of meat commodities.

<p><b>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> 2 June 2020</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. 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:</b></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: <a href="mailto:spsphilipinas@gmail.com">spsphilipinas@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://spsissuances.da.gov.ph/">http://spsissuances.da.gov.ph/</a></p> <p>Or</p> <p>National Veterinary Quarantine Services Division Bureau of Animal Industry Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City Tel: +(632) 528 2250 Email: <a href="mailto:baiquarantinephvc@gmail.com">baiquarantinephvc@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:baiquarantineph@gmail.com">baiquarantineph@gmail.com</a></p>

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