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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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### 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> HS Code(s): 1501, 0103, 0203, 0209, 02101 - Domestic and wild pigs and their products including pork meat, pig skin, porcine processed animal proteins and semen
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: Thailand
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order No. 9 Series of 2022 Temporary Suspension of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Import Clearance for Domestic and Wild Pigs and their Products Including Pork Meat, Pig Skin, Porcine Processed Animal Proteins and Semen Originating from Thailand. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/PHL/22_1320_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/PHL/22_1320_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Order, signed on 31 January 2022, insitutes the following measures for the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products from Thailand: (1) Banning the importation of live swine and their products, including pork meat, pig skin, porcine processed animal proteins and semen; (2) Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above-stated commodities into the country by all DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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> Several news media platforms have reported the occurrence of African Swine Fever (ASF) virus detected in a pet pig and surface swab of slaughterhouse in Nakhon Pathom, Thailand as confirmed by Kasetsart University and Department of Livestock and Development, respectively. Thailand is not an accredited country to export any swine-related commodities but there is a need to prevent the entry of any ASF-susceptible products originating from Thailand that might enter the country through hand carried products from international vessels or any other possible roputes.

9.	<p><b>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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> Chapters 1.1, 4.3 and 15.1 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" 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>
10.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> Immediately</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>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: spspilipinas@gmail.com Website: <a href="http://spsissuances.da.gov.ph/">http://spsissuances.da.gov.ph/</a></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from: <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: spspilipinas@gmail.com Website: <a href="http://spsissuances.da.gov.ph/">http://spsissuances.da.gov.ph/</a></p>