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**Report Highlights:**

On June 10, 2025, the Philippine Health Secretary temporarily suspended the implementation of new fees and charges for services under the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) jurisdiction due to concerns from various sectors. The FDA's services impacted by this action include the issuance of a certificate of product registration, a requirement prior to importing food and prepackaged food products for retail sale. During the suspension period, the fees and charges will revert to the rates set in 2001.

## Background

Since the effectivity of [Administrative Order \(AO\) No. 2024-0016](#) on [January 12, 2025](#), importers have faced higher fees and charges when availing services from the Philippine Department of Health's FDA. The Philippine FDA's services include the issuance of a certificate of product registration (CPR), a requirement before importing processed and prepackaged food products intended for retail sale in the Philippines. See also [FAIRS Country Report Annual](#).

## AO 2024-0016 Implementation Updates

On June 10, 2025, the Philippine Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa issued [Department Circular No. 2025-0240](#), suspending the implementation of AO 2024-0016 for 60 working days or until earlier lifted or further extended. During the suspension period, the fees and charges, as well as the validity of authorizations prescribed under [AO No. 50, series of 2001](#), and other pertinent issuances shall be applied.

Fees and charges already paid prior to the suspension shall be maintained. Meanwhile, those who have submitted applications to FDA prior to the suspension and have yet to pay may request a new order of payment.

Feedback from various sectors and stakeholders, especially related to the substantial increase in fees, prompted the suspension. For example, the one-year fee for CPR of low-risk food products under AO 2024-0016 increased by 1,400 percent – from PhP200 (\$3.57) to PhP3,000 (\$53.58). Low-risk food products refer to foods that are unlikely to contain pathogenic microorganisms and will not normally support their growth because of food characteristics, and foods that are unlikely to contain harmful chemicals. This [category](#) includes dehydrated fruits or vegetables, breakfast cereals, bread, sweeteners, honey, and alcoholic beverages.

Concerns on AO 2024-0016 were raised since its implementation in January 2025, leading to the temporary suspension of the new pre-assessment fee for certain licensing and product notification/registration applications. Details of this suspension were announced through Philippine FDA's [Advisory No. 2025-0076](#) dated January 24, 2025.

## Attachments:

No Attachments.