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# Report Name: Validity of SPS Import Clearances Extended

**Country:** Philippines

Post: Manila

**Report Category:** Poultry and Products, Livestock and Products, Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety, Country/Regional FTA's, Trade Policy Incident Report, Trade Policy Monitoring, WTO Notifications, Trade Policy Incident Report, Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety, Poultry and Products, Livestock and Products, FAIRS Subject Report

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### **Report Highlights:**

On August 10, 2021, the Philippine Department of Agriculture issued Administrative Order No. 21 temporarily extending the validity of SPS Import Clearances for Imported meat and poultry from 60 to 90 days. AO 21 was issued in response to the global shipping situation and logistical difficulties brought about by the COVID pandemic and recognizing the contribution of meat imports to the overall food security of the country.

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#### **General Information:**

On August 10, 2001, the Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA) issued <u>Administrative Order No. 21</u> (AO 21) temporarily extending the validity of SPS Import Clearances for imported meat and poultry from 60 to 90 days. AO 21 extending the validity of the import clearances for meat and poultry was issued in response to the global shipping situation and logistical difficulties brought about by the COVID pandemic. Recognizing the importance of meat importation to the overall food supply and security of the country, the DA granted the temporary extension of all SPSICs for meat and poultry issued from August 10 to December 31, 2021.

#### **Attachments:**

No Attachments.

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