NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Philippines  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Agriculture |
| **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):** Live cattle, meat and meat products and bovine processed animal proteins derived from cattle |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Canada |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order 79 Series of 2021 Temporary Ban on the Importation of Live Cattle, Meat and Meat Products and Bovine Processed Animal Proteins Derived from Cattle Originating from Canada. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/PHL/22_0192_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Order, signed on 29 December 2021, institutes the following measures for the importation of meat and meat byproducts derived from cattle from Canada:  (1) Temporary suspeension of processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of the SPS Import Clearance of meat and meat byproducts derived from cattle includinglive cattle importation; (2) All shipments IN TRANSIT/LOADED/ACCEPTED UNTO PORT before the officila communication of this Order to the Canadian authorities shall be allowed provided the products were slaughtered / produced before 30 November 2021; (3) All previously approved SPS Import Clearances which were not yet IN TRANSIT/LOADED/ACCEPTED UNTO PORT after the official communication of this Order to the Canadian authorities are hereby REVOKED; (4) Shipments with ship ou date after the communication of this Order to the Canadian Authorities shall be dealt with as per DA Administrative Order 9 series of 2010, Section VII.D; (5) More rigorous and tight inspection on all arrivals of meat and meat byproducts derived from cattle including live animals and bovine processed animal proteins by DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers assigned at ports of entry. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] food safety, [****X] animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:** The veterinary authorities of Canada reported to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) an outbreak of Atypical Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in the Ponoka County, Alberta, Canada last 17 December 2021.  The recent cases of BSE or Mad Cow Disease may pose a risk to consumers due to BSE's assumed link with the variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD) in humans. |
| **9.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[****X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** Chapter 11.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Code  **[ ]** **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:** |
| **10.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** Immediately  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X] National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  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 |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****X] National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  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 |