NOTIFICATION

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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):** Corn grits |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X] All trading partners**  **[ ]** **Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Philippine National Standard-Code of Hygienic Practice for Processing and Handling of Corn Grits (Working draft). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 9  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/PHL/18_3187_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Philippine National Standard (PNS) Code of Hygienic Practice for Processing and Handling of Corn Grits (PNS/BAFS 142:2015) aims to provide guidance for the processing, handling and storage of quality corn grits in order to prevent the risk of contamination and infestation of the said product with hazards like aflatoxin, heavy metals and pesticide residues. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **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)*:**  **[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]** **Yes [ ]** **No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
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| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable.  **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:**  Department of Agriculture (DA),  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@da.gov.ph  or  Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards  BPI Compound, Visayas Avenue, Diliman  Quezon City  Tel: +(632) 455 0031  +(632) 455 2858  +(632) 455 2856  Fax: +(632) 455 0031  E-mail: bafs@da.gov.ph  Website: <http://bafs.da.gov.ph> |
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