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 (PNS) for Corn (Maize) Grits – Grading and Classification (Working draft). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:**8  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/PHL/18_3220_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Philippine National Standard (PNS) for corn (maize) grits (*Zea mays* Linn.) – grading and classification (PNS/BAFPS 15:2004) aims to provide uniform guidance on the classification of corn grits based on their physical characteristics and current practices existing in the sectors concerned. |
| **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:**  **[****X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**   * CAC/RCP 1-1969 (Rev. 2003), General Principles of Food Hygiene; * Codex Alimentarius Volume 2. (1993), Pesticide Residues in Food, 2nd ed.; * Codex Alimentarius Volume 7. (1996), Cereals, Pulses, Legumes and Derived Products and Vegetable Proteins, Volume 7, 2nd ed.;   **[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]** **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:** |
| **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. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **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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