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):** Cereals |
| **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 Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals (Working draft). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 14<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/PHL/18_3221_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Code of Practice (COP) for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cereals aims to assist farmers/producers to comply with the maximum levels (MLs) of mycotoxins in cereals, particularly aflatoxins, fumonisins and deoxynivalenol (DON). |
| **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)*:*** Codex Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Mycotoxin Contamination in Cereals, including Annexes on Ochratoxin A, Zearalenone, Fumonisins and Trichothecenes (CAC/RCP 51-2003);
* Codex Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Ochratoxin A (OtA) Contamination in Coffee (CAC/RCP 69:2009);
* Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed (CODEX STAN 193-1999);
* Codex Recommended International Code of Practice - General Principles of Food Hygiene (CAC/RCP 1-1969, Rev. 2003);
* Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) and Guidelines for its Management - CAC/RCP 1-1969 Rev (2003).

**[ ]** **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?** **[ ]** **Yes [****X] No****If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** This Philippine National Standard (PNS) is an adoption of the COP for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cereals, including annexes on ochratoxin A, zearalenone, fumonisins and trichothecenes (CAC/RCP 51‑2003) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), with modifications to suit the local production and post-production practices in the Philippines, particularly for rice and corn. |
| **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 DirectorPolicy Research ServiceDepartment of AgricultureElliptical Road, DilimanQuezon CityTel: +(632) 926 7439Fax: +(632) 928 0590E-mail: spspilipinas@da.gov.ph or Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries StandardsBPI Compound, Visayas Avenue, DilimanQuezon CityTel: +(632) 455 0031; +(632) 455 2858; +(632) 455 2856Fax: +(632) 455 0031E-mail: bafs@da.gov.phWebsite: <http://bafs.da.gov.ph> |
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