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):** Buffalo meat |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Punjab, India |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order No. 36 Series of 2018, Temporary Suspension of Accreditation of ALM Food Products Ltd (APEDA #195) and Mirha Exports Pvt Ltd (APEDA #125) in Punjab, India as Exporter of Indian Buffalo Meat to the Philippines. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 1  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/PHL/18_6502_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Order temporarily suspends the accreditation of ALM Food Products Ltd (APEDA #195) and Mirha Exports Pvt Ltd (APEDA #125), as well as the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance of the aforementioned commodity. Intensified inspection of documents and shipments of all meat importation from India by DA-BAI Veterinary Quarantine Officers at the ports will be conducted, along with a more rigorous and tight inspection of all arrivals of Indian buffalo meat products from India by DA-NMIS Plant Officers assigned at DA accredited cold storage warehouses. |
| **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 European Union Reference Laboratory for Foot and Mouth Disease (EURL FMD) reported an outbreak of FMD in zoo animals in Punjab on February 2018 and there is a need to prevent the entry of FMD-susceptible products originating from Punjab, India, and for regulatory controls through Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures to protect human and animal health. |
| **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 8.8 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2018  **[ ]** **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):** 15 November 2018  **[ ]** **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:**  Department of Agriculture (DA)  Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)  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  National Veterinary Quarantine Services  Bureau of Animal Industry  Visayas Avenue, Diliman  Quezon City  Tel: +(632) 920 0815  Fax: +(632) 920 0916  E-mail: nvqs\_bai@yahoo.com  quarantine\_bai@yahoo.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:**  Department of Agriculture (DA)  Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)  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  National Veterinary Quarantine Services  Bureau of Animal Industry  Visayas Avenue, Diliman  Quezon City  Tel: +(632) 920 0815  Fax: +(632) 920 0916  E-mail: nvqs\_bai@yahoo.com  quarantine\_bai@yahoo.com |