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):** Meat |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Germany |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** DA Memorandum Order No. 18 series of 2019, Temporary Suspension of System Accreditation for all German Foreign Meat Establishments (FMEs) to Export Meat into the Philippines. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 1  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/PHL/19_3996_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Order temporarily suspends system accreditation of all German FMEs to export meat into the Philippines pending the results of the thorough investigation to be conducted by DA. Shipments of meat in transit upon the issuance of this Order will be allowed to enter the country subject to 100% physical inspection. The Order also immediately suspends the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS import clearance from Germany starting on 1 July 2019. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****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:** Based on the investigation conducted by the Bureau of Animal Industry and National Meat Inspection Service, it was determined that there indeed was co-mingling of pork flat bones from Poland which is an African Swine Fever (ASF) affected country with the legitimate importation from Germany. Relative to this incident, there have been lapses in the inspection system of Germany to ensure export of safe food for the Philippine market, and there is a need to prevent the entry of the ASF virus into the country to protect the health of the local swine population. |
| **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)*:** Chapters 1.1, 4.3, 15.1 and Article 15.1.22 of the 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):** 2 July 2019  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
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