NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Philippines  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Industry |
| **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):** HS Code(s): 010619 (cats and dogs) |
| **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:** Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Industry Memorandum Circular No. 43 Series of 2020 Clarificatory Guidelines Re: Documentary Requirements and Other Important Matters in the Application for SPSIC in the Importation of Dogs and Cats in line with Section III.A.2 of DA Administrative Order 9, Series of 2010.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 9  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/PHL/20_5908_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Circular contains clarificatory guidelines to DA Administrative Order (AO) No. 9 s. 2010 to ensure all cats and dogs being imported into the country have the necessary documentary requirements before entry. The Circular was signed on 24 September 2020. |
| **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.** | **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)*:** Article 8.4.7 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code  **[ ]****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)*:** 24 September 2020  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 28 September 2020  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:**  **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:**  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@gmail.com](mailto:spspilipinas@gmail.com)  Website: <http://spsissuances.da.gov.ph/> |
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