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):** Live cattle, meat and meat products, bovine processed animal proteins and semen derived from cattle |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ] All trading partners**  **[X] Specific regions or countries:** United Kingdom |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order No. 20 Series of 2024, Temporary ban on the importation of live cattle, meat and meat products, bovine processed animal proteins and semen derived from cattle originating from the United Kingdom. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2  [https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/PHL/24\_03557\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/PHL/24_03557_00_e.pdf" \t "_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Order bans the importation of live cattle, meat and meat products, including bovine processed animal proteins and semen from the United Kingdom and immediately suspends the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance to the above-stated commodities. All shipments coming from the mentioned areas of the United Kingdom that are IN TRANSIT/LOADED/ACCEPTED UNTO PORT before the official communication of this Order to the British authorities shall be allowed provided that the products were slaughtered/produced on or before 10 April 2024. Shipments which have not complied with the conditions set forth in Item 3 shall be dealt with as per DA AC 06 S. 2022 Article VI, Section III. More rigorous and tight inspection on all arrivals of meat and meat by‑products derived from cattle including live animals and bovine processed animal proteins by DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers assigned at ports of entry. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [X] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [X] 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 official report submitted by the Chief Veterinary Officer of the United Kingdom to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) on 10 May 2024, there was an outbreak of Classical Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy in South Ayrshire, Scotland last 26 April 2024 affecting domestic cattle as confirmed by the National Reference Laboratory for Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs). The recent cases of BSE or commonly known as Mad Cow Disease in the United Kingdom as reported to the WOAH may pose a risk to consumers due to BSE' s assumed link with the Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) in humans. |
| **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 7.9., 7.11  **[ ] 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):** Immediately.  **[ ] 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:**  Office of the Director  Policy Research Service  Department of Agriculture  Elliptical Road, Diliman  Quezon City  Tel: +(632 ) 8 926 7439  Fax: +(632) 928 0590  E-mail: [spspilipinas@da.gov.ph](mailto:spspilipinas@da.gov.ph) |
| **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:**  Office of the Director  Policy Research Service  Department of Agriculture  Elliptical Road, Diliman  Quezon City  Tel: +(632 ) 8 926 7439  Fax: +(632) 928 0590  E-mail: [spspilipinas@da.gov.ph](mailto:spspilipinas@da.gov.ph) |