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):** HS Code: 0105 - Live poultry, "fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, ducks, geese, turkeys and guinea fowls"; HS Code: 0207 - Meat and edible offal of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, ducks, geese, turkeys and guinea fowls, fresh, chilled or frozen; HS Code: 0407 Birds' eggs, in shell, fresh, preserved or cooked; HS Code: 04071 - Fertilised eggs for incubation; HS Code: 04072 - Other fresh eggs; HS Code: 040790 - Birds' eggs, in shell, preserved or cooked; HS Code: 05119 - Other |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[ ]** **All trading partners** **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Menen, West Vlaanderen, Belgium |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order No. 73 Series of 2020, Temporary Ban on the Importation of Domestic and Wild Birds and their Products Including Poultry Meat, Day-Old Chicks, Eggs and Semen Originating from Menen, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/PHL/20_7888_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Order, signed on 14 December 2020, institutes the following emergency measures for the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products from Menen, West Vlaanderen, Belgium:1. Ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen;
2. Immediate suspension of the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of SPS import clearance for the above-stated commodities;
3. All incoming poultry meat shipments with SPS import clearance issued on or before 8 December 2020 will be allowed provided frozen poultry meat has a slaughter/process date of 21 days prior to the start of the HPAI outbreak (on or before 29 October 2020). All shipments will be subject to veterinary quarantine rules and regulations;
4. Stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the above-stated commodities (with exception on heat-treated products) into the country by all Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports of entry if the provisions written in Item 3 are not followed;
5. Importation of meat products of poultry is subject to the conditions provided in Articles 10.4.19, 10.4.20 and 10.4.26 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2019).
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| **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 official report submitted by Dr. Herman Claeys, Chef du Service Politique sanitaire, Animaux et Végétaux, Directorat Général Animaux, Végétaux et Alimentation, Service Public Fédéral Santé Publique, Sécurité de la Chaine Alimentaire et Environnement, Bruxelles, Belgium to the World Organisation for Animal Helath (OIE) on 27 November 2020, there was an outbreak of H5N5 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus which started on 18 November 2020 in Menen, West Vlaanderen, Belgium affecting broilers as confirmed by Sciensano (National laboratory). |
| **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 10.4 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2019)**[ ]** **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 DirectorPolicy Research ServiceDepartment of AgricultureElliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon CityTel: +(632) 926 7439Fax: +(632) 928 0590E-mail: spspilipinas@gmail.com |
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