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 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:** Brazil |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order No. 54 Series of 2021, Temporary Ban on the Importation of Live Cattle, Meat and Meat Products Derived from Cattle from Brazil. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 1  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/PHL/21_5923_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Order signed on 16 September 2021 institutes the following measures for the importation of meat and meat by-products derived from cattle from Brazil:   1. Temporary suspension of the processing of the application and issuance of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Import Clearance of meat and meat by-products derived from cattle including live cattle importation; 2. All shipments in transit/loaded/accepted unto port before the official communication of this Order to the Brazilian authorities shall be allowed provided the slaughter and production date is on or before 31 August 2021; 3. All previously approved SPS Import Clearances which were not yet in transit/loaded/accepted unto port after the official communication of this Order to the Brazilian authorities are hereby revoked; 4. Shipments with ship out date after the communication of this Order to the Brazilian authorities shall be dealt with as per DA Administrative Order 9 series of 2010, Section IV.D; 5. More rigorous and tight inspection on all arrivals of meat and meat by-products derived from cattle including live cattle by DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers assigned at ports of entry. |
| **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:** The veterinary authorities of Brazil reported to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) an outbreak of Atypical Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in the states of Mato Grosso and Minais Gerais, Brazil last 3 September 2021. BSE is a  zoonotic disease and there are studies showing that the atypical type of BSE or Mad Cow Disease 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)*:** Chapter 11.4 of the OIE Terrestrial 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:** |
| **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) 926 7439  Fax: +(632) 928 0590  E-mail: spspilipinas@gmail.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:**  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 |