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):** Domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****] All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** The States of California and Ohio, United States of America |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order No. 03, Series of 2024, Temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen originating from the States of California and Ohio, USA. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2  [https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/PHL/24\_00638\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/PHL/24_00638_00_e.pdf" \t "_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Order, signed on 15 January 2024, bans the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products, including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen from California and Ohio, United States of America. It also immediately suspends the processing, evaluation of application, and issuance of SPS import clearance for the said goods. All shipments that are in transit/loaded/accepted unto port before the official communication of this order to the American authorities shall be allowed provided the products were slaughtered/slaughtered 14 days before the first outbreak in the particular locality. Fresno County, California, 20 November 2023; Union County, Ohio, 21 November 2023. |
| **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 the Deputy Administrator and Chief Veterinary Officer, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington DC, United States of America to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and Plant Health Inspect Service (APHIS) official website in December 2023 , there were several outbreaks of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the States of California and Ohio, United States of America affecting birds as confirmed by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) Ames, Iowa (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 Health Code (2021)  **[****] 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  Tel: +(632) 8926 7439  Fax: +(632) 8928 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  Tel: +(632) 8926 7439  Fax: +(632) 8928 0590  E-mail: [spspilipinas@da.gov.ph](mailto:spspilipinas@da.gov.ph) |