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 pigs and their products including pork meat and semen |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Belgium |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Department of Agriculture Memorandum Order No. 31 Temporary Ban on the Importation of Domestic and Wild Pigs and their Products Including Pork Meat and Semen Originating from Belgium. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 1  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/PHL/18_5400_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Order temporarily bans the importation of domestic and wild pigs and their products including pork meat and semen. It immediately suspends the processing, evaluation of the application and issuance of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) import clearance for the aforementioned commodities and also mandates the stoppage and confiscation of all shipments of the said commodities into the Philippines by DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all major ports. The Order specifies frozen pork meats with slaughter/process date on or before 25 August 2018 are allowed to enter the country subject ot veterinary quarantine rules and regulations. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] 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 Jean-Francois Heymans, Director, Animal Helath and Safety of Products of Animal Origin, Federal Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC), Brussels, Belgium to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), there were outbreaks of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Etalle, Belgium affecting wild boar as confirmed by Sciensano (National laboratory) and there is a need to prevent the entry of ASF virus into the Philippines. |
| **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 1.1, 4.3 and 15.1 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2018  **[ ]** **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):** 17 September 2018  **[ ]** **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@da.gov.ph  or  National Veterinary Quarantine Services  Bureau of Animal Industry  Visayas Avenue, Diliman  Quezon City  Tel: +(632) 920 0815  Fax: +(632) 920 0916  E-mail: nvqs\_bai@yahoo.com  quarantine\_bai@yahoo.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@da.gov.ph  or  National Veterinary Quarantine Services  Bureau of Animal Industry  Visayas Avenue, Diliman  Quezon City  Tel: +(632) 920 0815  Fax: +(632) 920 0916  E-mail: nvqs\_bai@yahoo.com  quarantine\_bai@yahoo.com |