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 rabbits |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** United States of America |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Department of Agriculture Memorandum, Order No. 36 Series of 2020 Temporary Ban on the Importation of Domestic and Wild Rabbits from the United States of America. **Language(s):** English . **Number of pages:** One (1)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/PHL/20_4957_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Order bans the importation of domestic and wild rabbits including their meat, semen and pelts. It also immediately suspends the processing and evaluation of the application and issuance of SPS Import Clearance for shipments that have not left the country of origin. All shipments of the aforementioned goods into the country shall be confiscated by DA Veterinary Quarantine Officers/Inspectors at all ports. The Order was signed on 15 July 2020. |
| **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 to the OIE submitted by Dr. Mark Davidson, Associate Administrator, United States Department of Agriculture on 2 July 2020, the Rabbit Hermorrhagic Disease outbreaks which were first reported on 8 July 2019 are continuing in the country affecting both domestic and wild rabbits, with the most recent outbreak on 30 June 2020. |
| **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)*:** Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapter 13.2. Rabbit haemorrhagic disease  **[ ]** **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** |
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