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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>PHILIPPINES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), Department of Agriculture (DA)
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 poultry, poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Afghanistan, Georgia, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Niger, Slovakia, and Sweden
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: DA Memorandum Order (MO) No. 15, Series of 2006, Temporary Ban on the Importation of Domestic and Wild Birds and their products including Poultry Meat, Day-Old Chicks, Eggs and Semen originating from Afghanistan, Georgia, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Niger, Slovakia, and Sweden.
6.	Description of content: The Philippines is instituting this emergency measure to prevent the entry of the Avian Influenza virus.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reasons for urgent action: Import restriction is imposed due to the reported outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) subtype H5N1 in Afghanistan, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Niger, Slovakia, and Sweden while subtype H5 was reported in Georgia.
9.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
10.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: English
11.	Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): 24 March 2006

12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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