



**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>

PHILIPPINES

The following notification, originally received on 3 November 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Philippines.

	Category	Notification details
1	<b>Notifying Member</b>	Philippines
2	<b>Title of new legislation/procedure</b>	Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 16 of Series 2001 - Licensing Procedures for Meat Importers, Revising the Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 09 Series of 2013 entitled "Supplemental Guideline to DA AO No. 26 Series of 2005, Section III: Accreditation Procedure for Meat Importers"
3	<b>Date of Publication</b>	6 September 2021
4	<b>Date of entry into force</b>	22 September 2021
5	<b>Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure</b>	<a href="https://www.da.gov.ph/laws-and-issuances/administrative-orders/">https://www.da.gov.ph/laws-and-issuances/administrative-orders/</a> <a href="https://www.da.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/ao16_s2021.pdf">https://www.da.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/ao16_s2021.pdf</a>
6	<b>Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat</b>	[X] Yes. [ ] No.
7	<b>Type of notification</b>	[ ] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure <sup>2</sup> ; (please answer question 8 to 14)  [X] (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: G/LIC/N/2/PHL/23; (please answer question 15 and 16)
8	<b>List of products subject to licensing</b>	
9	<b>Nature of licensing</b>	Automatic: [ ]  Non-Automatic: [ ]
10	<b>Administrative purpose/measure being implemented</b>	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment; (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; (e) <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.)

<sup>1</sup> It is understood that the notifying Member has also completed its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) regarding the relevant law/regulation/procedure notified for by filling this form in a full and complete manner.

<sup>2</sup> "New licensing regulation/procedure" is understood to refer to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, and those which are in force but being notified for the first time to the Committee.

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		(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration; (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify)
11	<b>Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications</b>	Ministry/authority and Department: [ ] Address: [ ] Website: [ ] Telephone: [ ] E-Mail: [ ]
12	<b>Contact point for information on eligibility</b>	Ministry/authority and Department: [ ] Address: [ ] Website: [ ] Telephone: [ ] E-Mail: [ ]
13	<b>Expected duration of licensing procedure</b>	
14	<b>A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages</b>	
15	<b>In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)</b>	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Termination</b> (b) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Suspension</b> (c) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Modification of specific details in existing procedures:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose; <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing; <input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction; <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants; <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form); <input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge; <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions; <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.); <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements; <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify).
16	<b>Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)</b>	<p>The main rationale of the changes is the harmonization of terminologies in accordance to Republic Act No. 10611 otherwise known as the "Food Safety Act of 2013" that the amended guidelines used the term "license" from "accreditation". Also, to streamline the documentary requirements and procedures in accordance to Republic Act No. 11032 otherwise known as "An Act of Promoting Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Delivery of Government Services, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9485, otherwise known as the Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007, and for other purposes".</p> <p>The coverage of this licensing system is HS 02 – Meat and meat preparations, except 02.10 – meat salted, smoked, or in brine.</p>