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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>PHILIPPINES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of Health (DOH)
3.	<b>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):</b> HS Codes: 01, 02, 03, 04, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Republic Act 10611 - Food Safety Act of 2013 <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 30 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/sps/PHL/13_4950_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/sps/PHL/13_4950_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> An Act to strengthen the food regulatory system in the country to protect consumer health and facilitate market access of local foods and food products, and for other purposes. The new law lays down a comprehensive framework that sets the benchmark for food safety in various stages from the harvest to the manufacture, processing, handling, packaging, distribution, marketing, food preparation to its consumption.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission ( <i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) ( <i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention ( <i>e.g. ISPM number</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>
9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>

10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 23 August 2013. This Act was adopted into Law in 23 August 2013. A Technical Working Group (TWG) shall be created with the primary task to draft the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Act. The TWG is given ninety (90) calendar days to draft the IRR.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Published last 23 August 2013 at the Official Gazette of the Office of the President.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 July 2014. The Food Safety Act of 2013 and its corresponding Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) shall take its entry into force by July 2014.</p> <p><b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 June 2014</p> <p><b>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:</b></p> <p>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</p>
13.	<p><b>Texts available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>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</p>