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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>PHILIPPINES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS)
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): (HS Code: 1103.13.00)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Draft Philippine Standards on the Code of Hygienic Practice for Processing and Handling of Corn Grits Language(s): English Number of pages: 13 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/PHL/14_5091_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: This code of practice intends to provide guidance for the processing and handling of quality Corn Grits. Also the code aims to prevent contamination and infestation of the said product with hazards like aflatoxin, heavy metals and pesticide residues.
7.	Objective and rationale: <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.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>) CODEX STAN 155-198 Rev. 1-1995 <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 Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 15 January 2015 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 15 December 2014
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 January 2015 [X] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 January 2015 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 3rd Floor, DA Building, Elliptical Road Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines Tel: +(632) 926 7439 Fax: +(632) 928 0590 E-mail: spspilipinas@da.gov.ph or Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards BPI Compound, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City Tel: +(632) 4566552/4552858 E-mail: bafpsda@yahoo.com
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