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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(s): 071220, 071290, 0904, 0905, 0906, 0907, 0908, 0909, 0910, 120750, 120791
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: Final Draft Philippine National Standards (PNS) on the <i>Code of Hygienic Practice for Spices and Dried Aromatic Herbs</i> Language(s): English Number of pages: 30 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/PHL/15_1745_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: This Code applies to spices and dried aromatic herbs - whole, broken, sliced, ground or blended. It covers the minimum requirements of hygiene for pre-harvest, harvesting, post-harvest practices (e.g. curing, bleaching, blanching, cutting, drying, cleaning, grading, packing, transportation and storage, including disinfection and fumigation), processing establishment, processing technology and practices (e.g. grinding, blending, freezing and freeze-drying, treatments to reduce the microbiological load), packaging, and storage of processed products.
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 (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) CAC/RCP42-1995 (Revised in 2014) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) <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): 1 July 2015 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 11 May 2015
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 July 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): 26 June 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: 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) 456 6552/455 2858 E-mail: bafpsda@yahoo.com
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