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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

Notifying Member: PHILIPPINES 1. If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national 3. schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Fresh agriculture and fishery products 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [X] All trading partners Γ1 Specific regions or countries: 5. Title of the notified document: Draft Philippine National Standard (PNS) Code of Hygienic Practice for the Sale of Fresh Agriculture and Fishery Products in Markets and Authorized Outlets. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 16 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/PHL/16 3870 00 e.pdf 6. Description of content: This Draft PNS Code of Hygienic Practice for the Sale of Fresh Agriculture and Fishery Products in Markets and Authorized Outlets contains a series of minimum requirements and practices to be observed in the sale of fresh agriculture and fishery products in markets and authorized outlets that are fit for human consumption. This Code applies to all agriculture and fishery products consisting of fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, and fishery products that have not undergone any treatment or any processing and exhibit good quality characteristics. The purpose of the Code is to ensure that fresh agriculture and fishery products sold in markets and authorized outlets are safe and fit for human consumption. 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests. 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex [X] standard or related text): CAC/RCP 1-1969 (Rev.4-2003) World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic [] Animal Health Code, chapter number): [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): [] None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [X] Yes [] No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

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9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
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