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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>PHILIPPINES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b> Center for Food Regulation and Research Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health Civic Drive, Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang Muntinlupa City Philippines Tel.: (632) 857-1993 or 91 Fax: (632) 807-0751 Emails: <a href="mailto:mtccerbolles@fda.gov.ph">mtccerbolles@fda.gov.ph</a> / <a href="mailto:fjsibarreta@fda.gov.ph">fjsibarreta@fda.gov.ph</a>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> This Administrative Order covers food establishments engaged in the manufacture and/or distribution, (i.e. import, export and/or wholesale) trade and/or repacking of processed food and food products.
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Administrative Order – Rules and Regulations on the Licensing of Food Establishments and Registration of Processed Food, and Other Food Products, and for Other Purposes
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Rules and Regulations on the issuance of appropriate authorizations in the form of a permit, license and certificate of registration or compliance that would cover establishments, facilities engaged in packing, holding or producing food for consumption in accordance with the mandated issuances of regulatory agencies issuing such authorizations.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> To provide guidelines and policies on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adoption of risk-based classification of food establishments and food products as published by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;</li><li>• The issuance of License to Operate (LTO) to food establishments engaged in the manufacture or processing and distribution; and</li><li>• The issuance of the Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) to FDA-licensed establishments before processed food and other food products are sold, offered for sale or use, distributed or supplied, among other marketing and promotional activities.</li></ul>

<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Republic Act (RA) No. 10611 or Food Safety Act of 2013;</li><li>• Republic Act No. 9711 or Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009;</li><li>• Presidential Decree No. 856 or the Code of Sanitation of the Philippines;</li><li>• Republic Act No. 7394 or The Consumer Act of the Philippines;</li><li>• Republic Act No. 3720 or Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;</li><li>• Republic Act No. 8172 or An Act for Salt Iodization Nationwide (ASIN);</li><li>• Republic Act No. 8976 or Implementing Rules and Regulations for the Philippine Food Fortification Act of 2000.</li></ul>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> This order shall take effect 15 days after its publication in an official gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> This order shall take effect 15 days after its publication in an official gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation</p>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 30 August 2014
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b></p> <p>Standards Mainstreaming Division Bureau of Philippine Standards Department of Trade and Industry 361 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Makati City, Metro Manila Philippines E-mail: <a href="mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph">bps@dti.gov.ph</a> Fax: (632) 751-4706</p>