The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: **PHILIPPINES (PHI)**

2. Agency responsible: Bureau of Food and Drug, Ministry of Health

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [x], 2.6.1 [ ], 7.3.2 [ ], 7.4.1 [ ], Other:

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Pre-packaged food

5. Title: Guidelines for Open-Date Marking of Pre-packaged Food

6. Description of content: The guideline was promulgated for the implementation of open-date marking regulation, defining the two (2) types of date marking which are the "consume before" and "best before" date, marking format and the presentation of date marking on food packages.

7. Objective and rationale: Public safety and consumer protection

8. Relevant documents:

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:

10. Final date for comments: 28 February 1983

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [x] or address of other body: In English language only

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