NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Philippines  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry |
| **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):** Dogs and cats to be imported |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X] All trading partners**  **[ ]** **Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Department of Agriculture Memorandum Circular No. 09, Series of 2018, Required Identification of Imported Dogs and Cats. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 1  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/PHL/18_2355_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The circular reitierates DA Administrative Order No. 24, Series of 2004 which requires the mandatory identification of dogs and cats to be imported into the Philippines by Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID)/microchip. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [****X] animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [****X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [****X] 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 standard or related text)*:**  **[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]** **Yes [ ]** **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)*:** 23 April 2018  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 23 April 2018 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 June 2018  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 3 July 2018  **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:**  Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)  Office of the Director  Policy Research Service  Department of Agriculture  Elliptical Road, Diliman  Quezon City  Tel: +(632) 926 7439  Fax: +(632) 928 0590  E-mail: spspilipinas@da.gov.ph  or  National Veterinary Quarantine Services  Bureau of Animal Industry  Visayas Avenue, Diliman  Quezon City  Tel: +(632) 920 0815  Fax: +(632) 920 0916  E-mail: nvqs\_bai@yahoo.com  quarantine\_bai@yahoo.com |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****X] National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:**  Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)  Office of the Director  Policy Research Service  Department of Agriculture  Elliptical Road, Diliman  Quezon City  Tel: +(632) 926 7439  Fax: +(632) 928 0590  E-mail: spspilipinas@da.gov.ph  or  National Veterinary Quarantine Services  Bureau of Animal Industry  Visayas Avenue, Diliman  Quezon City  Tel: +(632) 920 0815  Fax: +(632) 920 0916  E-mail: nvqs\_bai@yahoo.com  quarantine\_bai@yahoo.com |