NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Philippines  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Agriculture |
| **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):** Rice |
| **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:** Draft Memorandum Circular: Food Safety Measures for Rice.**Language(s):** English . **Number of pages:** Nine (9)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/PHL/20_4745_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Circular sets food safety mandatory limits for contaminants and toxins adopted from applicable Philippine National Standard (PNS), Codex Alimentarius Commission, ASEAN database and regulatory limits for paddy and rice, pursuant to the Food Safety Act of 2013 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations of 2015. |
| **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:**  **[****X]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** (i) Principles and Guidelines for National Food Control Systems (CXG-82-2013); (ii) General Principles of Food Hygiene (CXC-1-1989)  **[ ]****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:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
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| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 5 October 2020  **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:**  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@gmail.com](mailto:spspilipinas@gmail.com)  or  Bureau of Plant Industry  Address: 692 San Andres Street, Malate, Manila, Philippines  Tel: +(632) 525 7909  +(632) 525 2987  E-mail: [bpi.information@yahoo.com](mailto:bpi.information@yahoo.com) |
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