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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>PHILIPPINES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Plant Quarantine Service, Bureau of Plant Industry
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): white potato
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) Circular No.02, Series of 1996 - Guidelines on the Importation of White Potato, approximately 11 pages.
5.	Description of content: The guidelines provide the quarantine requirements for the importation of white potato. The guidelines require the evaluation and pest risk analysis prior to the issuance of import permits; inspection upon arrival; and post-entry quarantine monitoring.
6.	Objective and rationale: plant protection; food safety
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations: Guidelines are consistent with the Framework of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures published by the IPPC.
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: English
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 15 January 1997
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 15 January 1997
11.	Final date for comments: 15 March 1997 Agency or authority designated to handle comments:
12.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: