

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>PHILIPPINES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), Department of Agriculture (DA)
3.	<b>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):</b> Any plant product altered or produced through the use of modern biotechnology intended for direct use as food, feed, or processing into food and feed.
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All countries
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> DA Memorandum Circular No. 12, series of 2003, Annex I, II, and III, Pursuant to DA Memorandum Circular No. 8, series of 2003, Guidelines for the Phytosanitary Inspection of Regulated Articles for Food, Feed, and Processing, and DA Administrative Order No. 8, series of 2002, Rules and Regulations on the Importation and Release into the Environment of Plants and Plant Products Derived from the Use of Modern Biotechnology (8 pages).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Issuance of the following Annexes: (i) approval registry for the importation of regulated articles for direct use for food, feed, or processing; (ii) approval registry of regulated articles for propagation, for which its plant products have been approved for direct use as food, feed, and/or processing; and (iii) list of regulated articles for importation for direct use requiring a declaration of GMO content.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> English
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 15 August 2003
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 May 2004

**12. Final date for comments:** 15 April 2004

**Agency or authority designated to handle comments:** ☐ National notification authority, ☒ National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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