

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>PHILIPPINES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Livestock Development Council (LDC), Department of Agriculture (DA)
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): Meat and milk
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All meat and milk exporting countries
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: DA Memorandum Order (MO) No. 7, Series of 2002, Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Audit of Meat and Milk Exporting Plants
6.	Description of content: The Department of Agriculture requires the accreditation of meat exporters before being allowed to ship products to the Philippines, and this is consistent with the DA mandate to ensure the safety and quality of imported livestock and poultry products and in the interest of public health and as required under the Consumer Act of the Philippines. There had been many documented cases of contaminated milk and meat products being brought into the country, indicating the need to supplement the accreditation mechanism with periodic audit of the exporting plants to further ensure safety and quality.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Available in English
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 13 October 2002
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 13 October 2002

12. Final date for comments:

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:

13. Texts available from: ☐ National notification authority, ☒ National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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